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**'Ipswich—
another
Liverpool'**
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England striker Paul
Mariner is challenged by
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Lüdi.

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ENGLAND manager Ron Greenwood believes ten points will ensure qualification for the World Cup Finals next year. As England embark on their two hardest away ties of the group, they have five points from three home ties and the match in Rumania



10 points — England's World Cup target

They have four games in which to earn the remaining five points — and by that reckoning the situation isn't as bad as England's disappointing overall form and results so far in the World Cup indicate.

On paper — admittedly always a dangerous supposition — they should win in Norway and avoid defeat against Hungary at Wembley. Three points.

That leaves two points from the the forthcoming tour, and despite the poor form shown so far in the qualifying ties, it shouldn't be beyond England if they show the same commitment as they did against Brazil.

Greenwood emphasises that the target for Switzerland (Saturday, May 30) and Hungary (Saturday, June 6th) is four points. "It depends on ourselves," he says. "The other teams in the group are taking points off of each other. Our fate is in our hands."

"I'm sure we'll be in Spain.



Who said soccer was dying?

THE 1980-81 season opened with some people prophesying all manner of nasty problems for professional football.

The game was dying on its feet, they said. Hooliganism was a major concern. So, too, were spiralling transfer fees, which continued to go through the roof at the same time as the Prime Minister was urging the country to prepare for a lower standard of living.

The F.A. banned Crystal Palace's Vince Hilaire for four matches and fined him £500 for pushing a referee. They imposed a four match away ban on Sheffield Wednesday's fans and closed the Hillsborough terraces for the same duration.

Bert Millichip, Chairman of the FA disciplinary commission, suggested corporal punishment for soccer hooligans.

Tony Douglas, vice chairman of Cambridge United, threatened to play next season's home fixture against Chelsea behind closed doors at Abbey Stadium after disgraceful conduct by some of the London club's supporters.

Billy Bonds felt compelled to label West Ham fans "scum" after they caused trouble in Madrid during a Cup-Winners' Cup tie.

Southampton star Charlie George was fined a week's wages and suspended for a week after an incident

SHOOT view!

involving a photographer.

Those incidents were all at the start of the season. By the end, many of football's wounds had been healed and our national sport was looking optimistically towards a brighter future.

League Champions Aston Villa were a revelation. Withe, Mortimer, Shaw, Morley and others leading the club to glory with a brand of football that would have delighted the Villa side of 1909-10, the last time they clinched the title.

Ipswich played with a flair and flamboyance that filled grounds wherever they went. So they missed out on a

trophy or two after promising so much. No Portman Road fan is truly complaining after spell-binding displays from their two great Dutchmen, Mills, Wark, Brazil, Mariner and a host of others.

Manchester City took off like a rocket after John Bond's arrival; Tottenham and two-goal Ricky Villa fulfilled all Keith Burkinshaw's expectations in winning the F.A. Cup and have a team capable of winning honours at home and in Europe next season; West Ham strode like a colossus back to the First Division; and Notts County shed their unfashionable image to cimb alongside Forest in the starting grid for the 1981-82 season.

Liverpool, written off earlier in the season when their League performances fell below expectations, did magnificently to reach the European Cup Final for the third time; and Celtic, Dundee United and Rangers shared the honours in Scotland.

Glenn Hoddle, Steve Archibald, Tommy Hutchison, Kenny Dalglish, Steve Coppell, Joe Jordan, Paul Goddard, Gordon Strachan, Danny McGrain and Charlie Nicholas all combined to make the 1980-81 season memorable.

England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland must take their cue from the League clubs as the World Cup qualifying ties warm-up to a crescendo of excitement.

For once, football got it right!

Past results v Switzerland

		Eng	Switz
May 20, 1933	Berne	4	0
May 21, 1938	Zurich	1	2
May 18, 1947	Zurich	0	1
Dec 2, 1948	Highbury	6	0
May 28, 1952	Zurich	3	0
June 20, 1954	Berne	2	0
May 9, 1962	Wembley	3	1
June 5, 1963	Basle	8	1
Oct 13, 1971	Basle	3	2
Nov 10, 1971	Wembley	1	1
Sept 3, 1975	Basle	2	1
Sept 7, 1977	Wembley	0	0
Nov 19, 1980	Wembley	2	1

Which is England's best formation?

4-2-4
CLEMENCE
NEAL WATSON THOMPSON SANSOM
WILKINS ROBSON
COPPELL MARINER KEEGAN BARNES

4-4-2
CLEMENCE
NEAL WATSON THOMPSON SANSOM
COPPELL WILKINS KEEGAN ROBSON
MARINER FRANCIS

4-3-3
CLEMENCE
NEAL WATSON THOMPSON SANSOM
COPPELL WILKINS ROBSON
KEEGAN MARINER BARNES

State of the Group

	GROUP FOUR						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	
England.....	4	2	1	1	7	3	5
Rumania.....	4	1	2	1	3	3	4
Hungary.....	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Norway.....	3	1	1	1	3	6	3
Switzerland	3	0	1	2	4	6	1

MATCHES TO COME: Norway v Hungary (May 20); Switzerland v England (May 30); Rumania v Norway (June 3); Hungary v England (June 6); Norway v Switzerland (June 17); Norway v England (Sept. 9); Rumania v Hungary (Sept. 23); Rumania v Switzerland (Oct. 10); Hungary v Switzerland (Oct. 14); Hungary v Norway (Oct. 31); Switzerland v Rumania (Nov. 11); England v Hungary (Nov. 18).



Paul Mariner puts pressure on Swiss 'keeper Burgener at Wembley. Peter Barnes did well against Brazil (above). Kevin Keegan (right) is England's key player.



centre-forward (Paul Mariner's experience may give him the edge over Peter Withe) on the tour.

"One thing's for sure," says the England manager. "When we go away we shall adopt a far more positive attitude than most teams who visit Wembley."

Greenwood will be pondering over his line-up and tactics this week. Does he throw caution to the wind and play 4-2-4 as he did in his early days, with Coppell and Barnes wide plus two men in the middle? Or does he play 4-3-3, with Coppell, a centre-forward and a player feeding off the main striker?

"Kevin Keegan was the ideal person for this role," says Greenwood. "He was full of energy... all over the park. I think Kevin's best position is as a kind of fourth forward."

Keegan, though, has played just one game since returning from Hamburg last summer. He's still as enthusiastic as ever and when he's played for Southampton he's played well.

'Critical'

Greenwood stoutly defends his players and refuses to be too critical. "The Brazilians have all the skill in the world, but if we played against them all the time we'd match it eventually."

At the moment there isn't too much pressure on Greenwood, but unless England produce the goods in Switzerland and Hungary the situation may change. A 24-country World Cup Finals without England would be too much, even for the most tolerant.

"All my career I've worked with the understanding I could be fired. There's no question of anyone at the F.A. talking to me," he says.

Perhaps not, but Greenwood knows Hungary did him no favours by beating Rumania in Budapest three weeks ago, thus succeeding where England failed. It's two from England, Hungary and Rumania who will go through... and at this stage of the proceedings England's chances can't be rated more than fair-to-middling.

There's a good spirit in the squad. The main problem is striking the right balance and having all the players available."

Greenwood now has another problem, one he's delighted to have. Peter Withe, Alvin Martin and back-in-favour Peter Barnes all played well against Brazil, while the British Championship gave England's reserves a chance to show what they could do.

"One door closes, another opens," says Greenwood. "And a few players this month have ensured it stays open for them."

England have been criticised this season, and in some cases rightly so. The team hasn't played particularly well and results have been only adequate, at the most.

Injuries and club calls haven't helped Greenwood, but the system ensures Greenwood, like his predecessors and successors, will always be banging his head against a crowded fixture list. England must succeed *despite* the system, not *because* of it.

Greenwood's aim is to find a system into which players can fit.

The trouble is the 22 First Division clubs operate many different formations, which means most have to adapt for the national team.

The Brazil game, England's most spirited performance, albeit in defeat, since beating Argentina a year ago, was a marked improvement on the drab draw against Rumania and lifeless loss against Spain.

Against Brazil England were without several of Greenwood's tried and trusted servants... players he insists are the men for the occasion... players he will almost certainly turn to against Switzerland and Hungary.

Yet it was the players which comprised the 'best' England team that struggled against Spain and Rumania. The British Championship can give a false impression; playing foreign opposition is a vastly different ball game.

Listening to Greenwood talk and trying to read his mind, it's a safe bet that England will play a winger (Steve Coppell) and a traditional

'We mustn't even think of defeat' — MARINER

IPSWICH striker Paul Mariner reckons it's been his best-ever season in professional football — and he wants to cap it in style.

"We've got to do our stuff in the World Cup qualifying games against Switzerland and Hungary," says England's number nine. "There's so much at stake we just can't afford to even think about defeat."

Mariner, on target at Wembley earlier in the season against both Norway and Switzerland in World Cup games, missed the two clashes against Rumania which have left England with a lot to do in their bid to reach next year's Finals in Spain.

Injury has also caused him to miss a number of games for his club, but the former Plymouth player says: "I'll be okay for the World Cup games and ideally we'll be looking for three points out of four."

"I'd say both Norway and Switzerland are probably out of it now. The two qualifying places will go to any two from Hungary, Rumania and ourselves."

'Difficult'

"Hungary have only recently got under way but they've done well enough in their opening games to prove that they will be difficult to beat."

"I must admit I know very little about the Swiss. If Ron Greenwood is able to field his strongest side we should be too good for them but a draw wouldn't be a disaster. It's just important that we don't lose."

Mariner is pleased with the way his own form for club and country this season but says he is always aware of extra pressure when he pulls on the white shirt of England.

"Everyone seems to expect

England to win every game they play," he says. "They don't really stop to think about the opposition. As far as they are concerned England should beat every other side and that's the end of it."

"There seems to be a constant barrage of criticism against Ron Greenwood and in the last couple of months people have actually been calling for his head. But his isn't the easiest of jobs. It might look easy when you've got every player in the country at your disposal but people should stop to think how often he has been able to field his strongest side."

Mariner, with his best-ever Ipswich goals total behind him, is now determined to add to his goals for England. He says: "It's up to every one of the players in the squad to realise what's at stake against Switzerland and Hungary."

"We're all playing for our own places but, more important, we're battling for our country. All the lads selected will be trying to justify the faith he has shown in them and I hope we are able to make a few people eat their words."

NORTHERN Ireland haven't won a World Cup-tie on foreign soil for more than 12 years.

In fact, not since a 3-0 December, 1968, Istanbul drubbing of Turkey have the Ulstermen recorded an away victory in the series, though they did defeat Cyprus by the same scoreline, at Fulham, in the 1974 preliminary rounds, a game switched because of the civil unrest in Belfast.

However, Billy Bingham's buoyant battlers, currently second in Group Six with six points from five outings, are anxious to terminate that barren run by overcoming Sweden and joining near-neighbours Scotland at the top of the table in next Wednesday's vital tie in Stockholm.

'Maintain'

"This is a game we must win if we are to maintain our World Cup progress and eventually book a place in next year's Spanish Finals," emphasises Northern Ireland captain Martin O'Neill.

"Forget about what happened when we hammered the Swedes, 3-0, at Windsor Park, last October. We could so easily have hit them for six on that occasion, but Wednesday's match in Stockholm will be a completely different ball game. Sweden may have no chance of reaching the Finals, but they are always difficult opponents on their own ground.

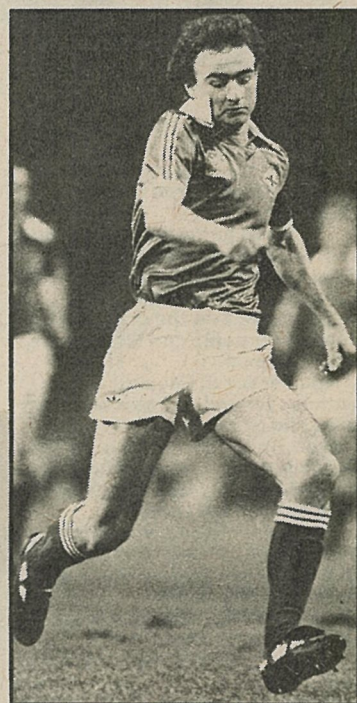
"They will be playing for their pride and prestige, but, even more importantly, can still have a big say in the outcome of the Group, as far as Scotland, Portugal and ourselves are concerned."

Magical Martin, whose poise, pace and polish lifted relegation-haunted Norwich City from the depths of despair to a whisker from First Division safety towards the end of 1980-81, has

Irish must break 12-year hoodoo



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Martin O'Neill (above) on the ball for Northern Ireland. Gerry Armstrong (below, right) scores Ireland's winning goal against Portugal.

exceptionally happy memories of his last competitive tussle with the Swedes in Stockholm, in October, 1974, European Championship tie in which he blasted in a brilliantly-taken goal in a convincing 2-0 triumph for the Irish.

Ireland's April 1-0 defeat of strongly-fancied Portugal in Belfast threw the increasingly fascinating Group Six situation wide open.

Table-topping Scotland are poised to book their third successive passage to the Finals.

But the Irish, revitalised under vibrant boss Bingham and seeking their first Finals spot since

reaching the Quarter-Finals of the 1958 tournament, ironically in Sweden, are hard on the heels of the glory-hunting Scots.

So, too, of course, are Portugal, who, along with Scotland and Northern Ireland, form the trio from which the two 1982 contenders will emerge.

"We're looking forward to the Sweden game," enthuses skipper O'Neill. "I can honestly say that I've never played in a more enthusiastic team in my life than the present Irish squad. In our recent win over Portugal, it was non-stop, 90 minute action all the way. If we can reproduce our second-half showing in that game against Sweden I'm convinced we can get the win we are aiming for."

Perennial Pat Jennings, the most-capped Irishman and British goalkeeper of all time, is still performing miracles after 18 campaigns in international soccer.

Commanding

The overlapping Jimmy Nicholl is getting better and better with every game at this level, as is his commanding second-cousin Chris and central defensive partner John O'Neill, while the seasoned Sammy Nelson and the ever-improving Mal Donaghy continue to battle it out for the number three berth.

But it is to the classy, creative skills of captain Martin O'Neill, Sammy McIlroy and Terry Cochrane, plus the aerial penalty-area menace of dynamic duo Gerry Armstrong and Billy Hamilton, that Billy Bingham and Northern Ireland will be looking to penetrate the Swedish rearguard in next week's tie.

With their last two Group Six fixtures, against Scotland and Israel, both at home, next autumn, a victory would keep the success-seeking Ulstermen on course for Spain, '82.

PAST RESULTS

1974 Stockholm 2-0
1975 Belfast 1-2
1980 Belfast 3-0
(Ireland's score first)



GROUP 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	5	3	2	0	6	2	8
N. Ireland	5	2	2	1	5	2	6
Portugal	4	2	1	1	4	1	5
Israel	6	0	3	3	2	8	3
Sweden	4	0	2	2	1	5	2



Wales v. USSR...Wrexham...May 30th

WALES in the World Cup Finals! That is what the headlines will proclaim this weekend if manager Mike England's team beats the USSR at Wrexham's Racecourse Ground. He agrees: "It is the most important game of them all."

Statistically, Wales will still need one, possibly two, points to be certain of reaching Spain but a home game against Iceland next October should provide those without any problems. "We'd have to do something absolutely daft not to take care of a side we've beaten by four goals on their own pitch," says Brian Flynn.

"We must impose our superiority from the start against the Russians. We have to take the game to them and dictate it. We will start favourites after winning our opening four games, scoring ten goals and conceding none — and we must play like it."

'Ability'

"We don't know too much about the Russians. Just about the only recent evidence of their ability comes from the victory of Dynamo Tbilisi over West Ham in the European Cup-Winners' Cup. Seven of that Tbilisi side are expected to be facing us."

"From the brilliant display by Tbilisi at Upton Park, we have every reason to believe that they are good enough to run the game if we let them get a grip on it. That breathtaking 4-1 win shows that they can be very dangerous away from home."

"These are the points we have to remember; those are the reasons why we have to get on top and stay there. I think we can do it; the mood, the results and the consistency of this Welsh team all points to success."

"I reckon that I've played in some tremendous Welsh teams but I have to admit that this side is showing a consistency that has never been bettered."

West Ham warning for Wales



Wales midfield dynamo Brian Flynn (above). Tbilisi 'keeper Gabelia beats West Ham's David Cross to the ball.

Manager Mike England can add ten years to that Flynn experience and he stresses the determination of his players to clinch a World Cup place against the Russians. "The dedication is without parallel in my experience."

"We have built our platform in those first four World Cup qualifying games and this is the one that virtually rounds off the job. We have got ourselves into a position that we must now hammer home. We'll play our part — and I hope that the supporters will play their's by backing us every minute of the way."

Those are not just the right kind of managerial noises from England. He firmly believes in a team-supporters partnership and has demonstrated it at Wrexham. In 1975 when he was a substitute for the Welsh side that beat

Austria to reach the Quarter-Finals of the European Championship, he ran along the touchline acting as a cheer leader demanding that the crowd get behind the players.

On that occasion, in the final stages of his playing career, he did not add to his 44 caps — but, under his managership, substitutes have a very good chance of taking the pitch.

'Appreciate'

"World Cup games are — or should be — between 13-man teams," he says. "The Welsh players fully appreciate that changes will be made on the pitch: in fact, central strikers Ian Walsh and Carl Harris both went on in Ankara knowing that I would not give them 90 minutes."

"They ran themselves silly and Carl scored the goal before I pulled them off and put on two fresh players. All the players know that the team benefits from having a fresh injection of energy."

"In British football, we still seem to cling to the idea that being taken off is something of a disgrace. It isn't: in fact, it is just the reverse. One pair of players have done their job so well that they are drained. It is a compliment not a criticism."

"In our determination to reach Spain, we are completely united in our approach, our policy and our attitude. We're ready for the Russians."



GROUP 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	4	4	0	0	10	0	8
USSR	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Czechoslovakia	3	2	0	1	5	1	4
Iceland	4	1	0	3	4	12	2
Turkey	5	0	0	5	1	13	0

(not including
Czechoslovakia/Iceland)

PAST RESULTS

1965 Moscow 1-2
1965 Cardiff 2-1
(Wales score first)

THERE'S more than a World Cup place at stake on the outcome of England's tour. The very future of English League football, as well as its international side, could hang on our results against Switzerland and Hungary.

The wrong results will place our chances of qualifying for Spain 1982 about level with those of an old carthorse trying to win the Grand National.

We cannot afford to be beaten in either of the games. Our target is to return with at least two points to add to the five we've already notched up from four games.

Failure to reach our first World Cup Finals since 1970, when England were an automatic selection as Champions, is unthinkable. Our long-suffering fans would become so disenchanted with the England team, League clubs would also feel the backlash.

Gates would continue to drop, clubs would continue to lose revenue, and the whole League threatened.

But to look on the bright side, an



'Floodlights blinded me in our 2-1 win in Basle over the Swiss'

Muller heads home for the Swiss in Basle in 1975.

'ENGLAND PLAYERS MUST DO THEIR DUTY'

England in the Finals, and doing well, would provide a marvellous boost all round for our game.

So it's up to each England player to do his duty and ensure that this tour ends on a note of success.

Everyone in the squad is in the right frame of mind, aware of his responsibility, and eager to take part in the World's most prestigious tournament next year. For older members like me it's the last chance of playing World Cup football, the ultimate aim.

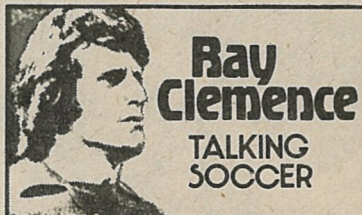
It infuriates us we can't recapture the form we showed before the European Championship in 1980 in Italy, where we slumped badly, with so many players below par. In fact, the hangover from that bad spell seems to have dogged us since and we can't shake it off.

Difference

As I sat on the bench during Rumania's goalless draw at Wembley in April, I couldn't help but reflect on the difference between England and Liverpool in their approach to playing Continental opposition.

My club would never have achieved the success in European competitions it has if it played like England. The Liverpool management, players, and fans, have learned from experience it's a different ball game against foreigners. A much more patient game.

For the opening half-hour against the Rumanians, England had most of the ball, swarming around the opposing defence. It was frustrating to watch all our attempts come to



Ray Clemence
TALKING SOCCER

'Claudio Sulser — a fast, deadly finisher who scored two goals against Hungary'

nothing, as the Rumanians continually cleared their lines.

The longer a goal was denied them the more anxious they became, with the result they lost their cohesion and played like a collection of individuals.

But to be fair, most of our lads were playing their normal club game, which requires non-stop attacking football.

Liverpool earned tremendous praise for our performance in Munich, when we held Bayern to a 1-1 draw simply through playing such controlled, disciplined football the Germans became rattled.

Playing away from Wembley, and the pressure from frustrated fans, gives England the opportunity to emulate Liverpool, something which the boss, Ron Greenwood, is always preaching.

Ron's main problem has been fielding a settled side. So many key



players have been unavailable through injury.

With the Swiss game coming only three days after Liverpool's European Cup Final in Paris, the boss may be planning to exclude our players, but if we beat Real he'll no doubt change his mind.

Our lads would be bursting with so much confidence, it would rub off on England team-mates!

On the last occasion I played against Switzerland on their territory, England won 2-1 after being two goals in the lead. The Swiss goal was the result of my being blinded by the floodlights and misjudging the flight of the ball.

If this game is vital to us, it's practically a matter of life or death in the competition for the Swiss.

As we learnt at Wembley, they have a hard-working, compact side. The one who stood out against us was Rene Botteron, an exceptional ball-player. For this game he's likely to be bolstered by Claudio Sulser — a fast, deadly finisher who attracted the attention of Nottingham Forest after they'd played his club, Grasshoppers, in a European tie.

Claudio scored both his country's goals in their most recent game, at home against Hungary, which ended 2-2.

Here's hoping for a hit for us — and a miss for the Swiss!

Ray Clemence

EDDIE

GRAY

Frankie and Eddie are rivals for the Leeds number three shirt

It took Allan Clarke eight months to complete his first signing for Leeds United — but he reckons Frankie Gray was worth the wait.

Gray's return to Yorkshire from the City Ground is a true case of home from home and when he went out to salute the Elland Road crowd only hours after his signing and in front of the crowd assembled for the last League match against West Brom, Gray was greeted like the prodigal son.

"It was a marvellous reception even though the crowd was only 17,000 that night," said Gray, "and I'm really looking forward to playing for Leeds again."

When Gray left Leeds for Nottingham Forest in a surprisingly swift deal during the summer of 1979 the Leeds supporters were, to say the least, horrified.

Favourite

Having joined the club from junior ranks in Scotland, Frankie went on to become a firm favourite with not only the Leeds crowd, but the club's board as well, and when Jimmy Adamson carried out the sale, he faced a howl of protest from chairman Manny Cussins who was away on holiday at the time.

That one transfer caused more bother between manager and board than any other before or since at the club, and some directors never forgave Adamson.

Now Gray is back and looking to help Leeds get back among the elite of the game.

"I didn't have any quarrel with Brian Clough or Peter Taylor but it

became obvious during the closing weeks of the season that they wanted to re-design the Forest team, and I might not have been a part of their future plans.

"When I knew Leeds were interested in taking me back I was delighted and jumped at the chance when Mr Clough said he wouldn't stand in my way if I wanted to go."

Gray's signing looks like a sound piece of business by Clarke. Leeds received half-a-million pounds for Gray and have now bought him back for £300,000, but apart from the financial satisfaction, they also have a recognised quality left-back, who is bound to strengthen their squad.

Ironically, Frankie finds himself fighting for the number three jersey with his elder brother Eddie, who doesn't intend to relinquish the position to "our kid" without a fight.

"I want to play left-back because that's where I've been playing for the last couple of seasons with Forest, but obviously I'm happy to play wherever Allan Clarke wants me to, and I hope there's room for both Eddie and myself in the team," says Frank.

"I always enjoyed my time at Leeds and I didn't particularly want to leave when Jimmy Adamson told me Nottingham Forest were keen to sign me, but I took the attitude that if Leeds were prepared to let me go, I may as well play for somebody who wanted me.

"It was a good move for me because I've learned a lot playing in a successful side, I've won a

European Cup Final medal, and I think I'm a better player than I was when I left Leeds.

"The past few seasons have not been particularly successful for Leeds, but I know Allan is very ambitious and if he makes another couple of signings, as I know he wants to, I see no reason why we can't get back right to the top.

'Successful'

"Allan has his sights set on making Leeds the best club in Europe and if we all work towards that goal we can be successful."

Despite the brotherly competition Eddie Gray is also excited about the prospect of playing with Frank again.

"People have been writing me off for a long time now, but I had my longest injury-free run ever last season, and I'm quite confident about playing at least another couple of seasons. Since moving to left-back I've kept a settled place in the side and I would like it to stay that way," says Eddie.

"It's been said the role is less demanding than that of an out-and-out winger or a midfield player, but that's not the way I look at it. I still love to go down the flank and it would be nice to operate down that side with Frank either in front or behind me — I don't mind which way it is."

It is that kind of brotherly respect which has boosted the careers of Frank and Eddie Gray, and although they are rivals on the pitch, they are firm friends off it.

Clarke himself is naturally delighted with his scoop.

"Frank is a quality player who will help the balance of our side. Players with good left feet are essential and there are none better than Frank around at the moment. We are always on the look-out for good players to improve the team at Leeds and there is no doubt in my mind Frank will do that."

versus GRAY

FRANKIE



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*1976 Southampton 1, Man. Utd. 0..... 200ft
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*1974 Liverpool 3, N'castle 0..... 200ft
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*1978 Argentina 3, Holland 1..... 200ft/400ft
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*1978 Argentina 2, France 1..... 200ft/400ft
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DAVE Watson lays his international career right on the line, with the pledge: "I'll go if I think it's time. There's no way I'll hang around if I'm not producing the goods."

"I'd love to end my international career by playing for England in the World Cup Finals. But it won't be the end of the world if I don't go to Spain. I'm not bothered from a personal point of view — but I do want England to get there. That's the important thing."

That, broadly speaking, is Wat-

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"I can honestly say that the England game in Rumania last October was the only one in the last few years where I've slipped a bit. And does anyone deserve the sack after one indifferent game?"

"The problem is, when you have been at the top for a few years and have played consistently well, your standards are very high."

"Once you drop below those, people forget how well you had played before. When you make a couple of mistakes they view them with a lot more doubt than normal. I think that is what happened to

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Bloodied but unbowed. No player offers more than Dave Watson for England. Remember his headed goal against Northern Ireland (left)?



Derek Johnstone misses the cross, but Bobby Russell follows up at the far post to net Rangers' second goal.

RANGERS -AT LAST!

After being held to a goalless draw at the first attempt by Dundee United, Rangers came back in impressive style to win the Scottish Cup Final replay by a convincing 4-1 margin.



John MacDonald completes the scoring with his second goal of the night.



Rangers players gets to grips with the famous trophy, with Sandy Jardine, Bobby Russell and Derek Johnstone all taking a hold of the Cup.

SHOOT!

VILLA WINS HIS SPURS

SO it is the Year of the Cockerel. And Spurs have still to lose an F.A. Cup Final. Perhaps the F.A. should insist every Final is drawn if the replay is as exciting as the second Manchester City/Spurs tie. Hero of the night was Ricardo Villa, with two goals and a smile as wide as the River Plate. And why not? Unlike his 'amigo' Osvaldo Ardiles, Villa didn't win a World Cup medal. But the F.A. Cup winners' medal will surely make up for that.



Ricky Villa stabs home the ball to give Spurs a 1-0 lead.



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McGrain's Award

CELTIC and Scotland star Danny McGrain received the vote of Scotland's top football writers as Mackinlay's Football Personality of the Month.

But the whisky company had a surprise in store for Danny when he went along to Celtic Park for the official presentation of his award.

For instead of the giant bottle of Mackinlay's which is normally given to each Monthly Personality Award winner, Danny was handed a giant egg — to give to patients in Glasgow Sick Children's Hospital.

BRIAN Clough's Nottingham Forest appear to have another exciting youngster on the way up in Steve Hodge, an 18-year-old left-sided midfielder or left winger.

The former South Notts schoolboy player was wanted by Derby, West Brom, Walsall and Notts County as a youngster.



Peter Barnes has world class talent

ON-THE-MOVE Peter Barnes says that only half West Bromwich Albion's fans truly accepted him in his time at The Hawthorns.

"That is maybe understandable, for I can be the kind of player who is brilliant one minute and not so good the next," he admits.

"It was difficult enough when I first signed because there was a huge price of my head (£650,000) and I was taking over from Laurie Cunningham, who was such a big favourite with everyone.

"My wife and I were upset to

read stories saying we didn't like it here. Nothing could be further from the truth. We settled well in the Midlands and love the area."

Peter Barnes, who won the first of his England caps against Italy in 1977, hopes to play abroad before his career ends.

"I would hate to go through my career and at the end regret not having played abroad. The idea has always appealed to me."

Barnes left Manchester City reluctantly two years ago in the Malcolm Allison purge.

Cesar Menotti, manager of World Champions Argentina, believes Barnes has the potential to become a world class player.

"He has the technique to compare with the best in the world," says Menotti.



Clean Luton machine

LUTON Town manager David Pleat is rightly proud of his team's achievements in 1980-81. Town have been called the "best footballing team in Division Two after West Ham" — the side they just failed to accompany to promotion.

But another aspect of Luton's play has given Pleat as much pleasure. "We've gone through the season without having a player suspended," he says. "Not only that, none of my lads has been anywhere near the 20-point danger mark.

"We don't have a player with a nasty streak in the squad. I have good types here. I couldn't teach the likes of Ricky Hill to foul.

"I see some opponents doing dreadful things. Not my players, though."

Briefly...

● Manchester United will be digging up their pitch this summer. The Reds are spending £40,000 on the Old Trafford pitch in an effort to make the playing surface one of the best in the First Division.

● Linfield one-club men Alan Fraser and Davy Nixon reached 350 and 300 competitive outings respectively, for the Belfast Blues, during 1980-81.

● Steve Sutton, a 19-year-old goalkeeper with Nottingham Forest, had trials with Manchester United and Derby before choosing Forest.

● Stoke City have unearthed a versatile youngster in 18-year-old Steve Bould. He is equally at home at centre-forward, midfield and centre-half. He has already won a trophy with Stoke — The Bass Charity Shield.

FORMER Chelsea defender and Republic of Ireland international John Dempsey is anxious to make a start in the insecure world of management. And he is prepared to move to Eire to serve his apprenticeship if necessary. Dempsey is of course a former Eire international.

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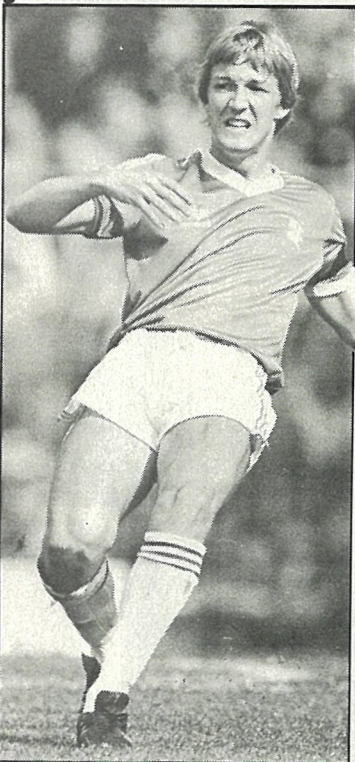
TOTTENHAM manager Keith Burkinshaw must be delighted with his two signings from last summer — Steve Archibald (from Aberdeen) and Garth Crooks (from Stoke).

They fully justified the £1.4 million transfer fees and proved the most lethal partnership in the First Division. They helped Spurs win the 100th F.A. Cup Final and their combined total of 47 goals was bettered only by West Ham's strike pair of David Cross and Paul Goddard.

LEADING SCORERS

- FIRST DIVISION**
 25 — Archibald (Spurs)
 22 — Robinson (Brighton), Fashanu (Norwich)
 21 — Withe (Aston Villa), Wark (Ipswich), Crooks (Spurs), Moran (Southampton)
 20 — Shaw (Aston Villa), Mariner (Ipswich)
 19 — Eastoe (Everton)
 18 — Worthington (Birmingham), Chapman (Stoke)
SECOND DIVISION
 27 — Cross (West Ham)
 22 — Goddard (West Ham)
 21 — Poskett (Watford)
 19 — Moss, Stein (both Luton), Harford (Newcastle, 15 for Lincoln), Christie (Notts Co)
 17 — James (L) (Swansea)
 16 — Lee (Chelsea), Mayes (Chelsea, 12 for Swindon), McCulloch (Sheff Wed)
THIRD DIVISION
 32 — Kellow (Exeter)
 28 — Kemp (Plymouth)
 24 — Glavin (Barnsley)
 23 — Hales (Charlton), Birch (Chesterfield), Moore (Rotherham)
 22 — Davies (Fulham)
 20 — Hutton (Sheff Utd)
 19 — Kindon (Huddersfield)
 18 — Walsh (Charlton)
 17 — Parker (Barnsley), Morris (Blackpool), Edwards (Hull)
FOURTH DIVISION
 28 — Cooke (Peterborough)
 26 — Cork (Wimbledon)
 23 — Walsh (Darlington)
 22 — Campbell (Bradford City), Lumby (Mansfield, 18 for Tranmere), Phillips (Northampton)
 21 — Johnson (Bury), Chamberlain (N) (Port Vale), Spence (Southend), Hobson (Lincoln).

'Bad Boy' Dennis angers Gemmill



MARK DENNIS, the young Birmingham City defender, has been told to "grow up" by his skipper Archie Gemmill.

The Birmingham captain feels that Dennis needs to show more personal discipline to his approach to the game — on and off the field.

Gemmill said: "Young Mark should realise he could earn a great deal of money from soccer — if he behaves himself.

"The choice is very much his own but he could easily lose this golden opportunity unless he changes his approach to the game."

SOUTHAMPTON striker Charlie George is wanted by Birmingham City in a bid to hoist them up the First Division next season.

"He is a gifted striker, the type of talented player we want to have at St. Andrews," says Birmingham's assistant manager Norman Bodell.

They are also hoping to sign Dutchman Toine van Mierlo, a player they have fancied signing for some time.

Eye catching

SHREWSBURY'S promising 18-year-old right-back Mark Adams has already caught the official eye.

He was chosen along with ten other apprentice professionals with Football League clubs to go on an Outward Bound Course at Loch Eil, Scotland, for three weeks.

Mark, who was born in Shrewsbury but now lives in Chester, first joined the Gay Meadow staff as a schoolboy in January, 1979, and he turned professional last December.

THE Bartletts are certainly doing well in Hampshire sports circles. Kevin, an 18-year-old forward, has joined Portsmouth as a professional; his brother, Richard, boxes for Hants and his sister, Sandra, plays netball for the county.

A local boy, Kevin is a bit of a slick mover — as becomes an attacker. In 1978 he was the Portsmouth Schools 100m Champion.

'I shall, return'

SAYS MASSON

DON MASSON, who has recently completed a highly successful season as captain of Notts County, is hoping to return to Meadow Lane next term.

The former Scottish international midfielder player is currently in America playing for Minnesota Kicks.

At the age of 35, Masson is fully aware his playing days are numbered but he would dearly love to assist County in their first season back in the top flight.

BIG Duncan Forbes, one of the stalwarts behind the Norwich City success story of the 1970's, has finally retired.

But although he will not be one of the Carrow Road playing staff next season, the giant Scottish centre-half will be around the club in an administrative capacity.

Duncan has decided to take on a full-time job in the club's promotions office, a position that will suit him well because he is a very popular figure in Norfolk and an excellent public relations man.

He made his final Norwich City League appearance this season in a run of games during January, beginning with a recall to face Liverpool 18 months after his last senior outing.

Altogether his career has spanned more than 600 first class matches since he first journeyed south from his native Edinburgh.

Come on you Spurs!

Mike Hazzard, Paul Miller, Garth Crooks and Glenn Hoddle form a melodious quartet to sing "Ossie's Dream" at Tottenham's F.A. Cup Final banquet at London's Hilton Hotel before their replay victory.



THEY SAY that Dave Sexton received £60,000 in compensation from Manchester United after his dismissal. Money has never greatly interested Mr Sexton. Football is his life. He will do well at Coventry. Our picture below shows Dave Sexton leaving Old Trafford for the last time.

RAY GOODING, whose future looked in jeopardy, is hoping to revive his career at Coventry City next season.

Gooding, 22, was encouraged by his performances in two Coventry victories at the end of the season.

He had been left in the cold for most of the season after being sent off in the opening match at Birmingham City.

"That was a disastrous start," he admits, but claims he never touched Archie Gemmill.

"I love the club," he says. "It's a smashing place and I would hate to leave."

Ten to Tango

IN OUR Tango footballs competition in March, readers were invited to answer four questions concerning the use of Tango balls. The correct answers were: (a) Nottingham Forest; (b) West Germany; (c) Nottingham Forest; (d) Uruguay. The senders of the ten correct entries, judged to be the nearest with age taken into account, were:

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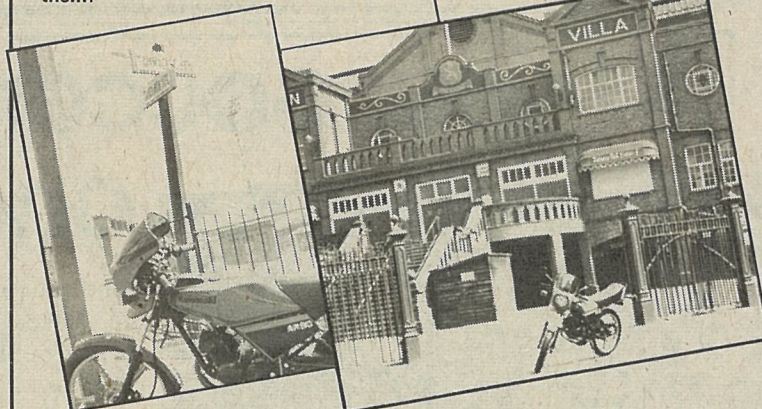
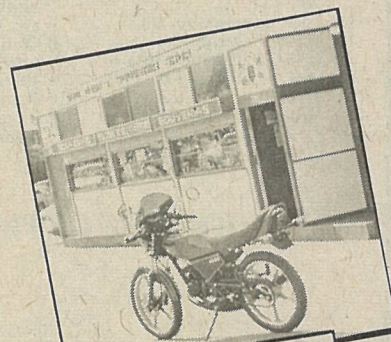
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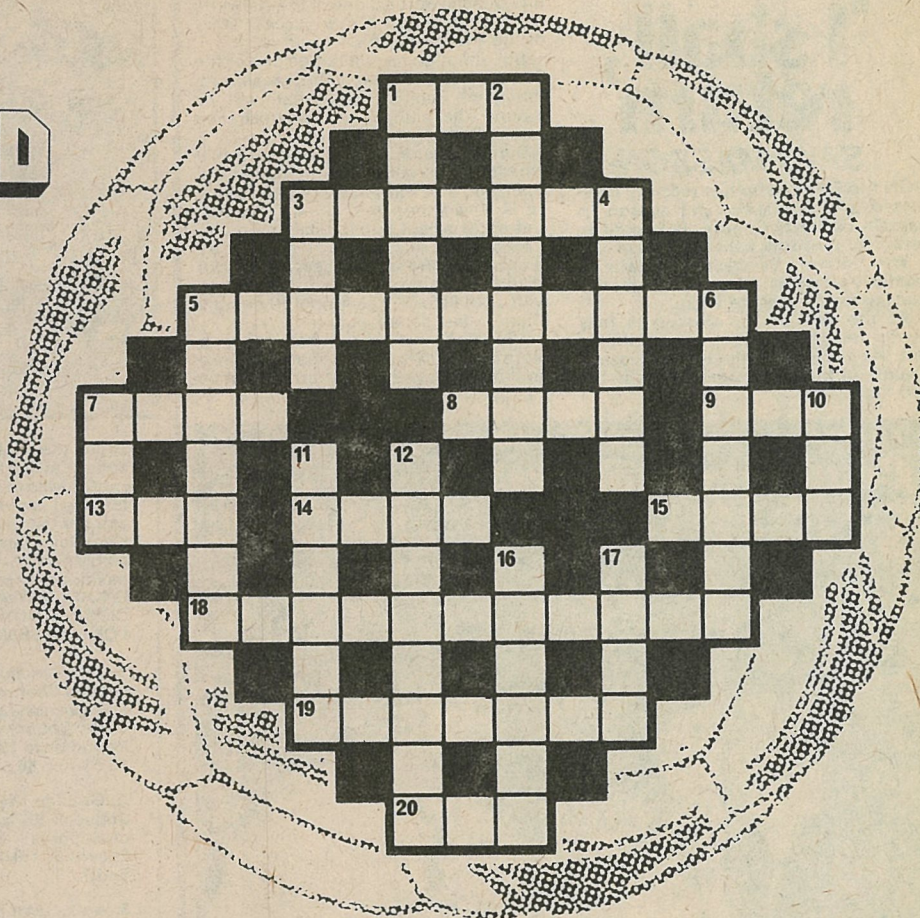
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ACROSS:

- (1) If Chester, Wigan and Stoke make "HIT"; what do Ipswich, Carlisle and Swansea make? (3)
- (3) Frank —, West Ham defender. (7)
- (5) Sunderland —, midfielder player. (4 & 7)
- (7) Breach of the Rules of Play. (4)
- (8) Type of kick possibly awarded for 7 Across. (4)
- (9) — Bailey, Middlesbrough defender (3)
- (13) Be equal in score. (3)
- (14) Animal associated with Millwall by nickname. (4)
- (15) Boot appendage. (4)
- (18) Winner of the F.A. Cup, 1975/76 (beating Manchester United 1-0). (11)
- (19) John —, Exeter City midfielder player. (7)
- (20) Paul Brac —, II of Stoke City. (3)

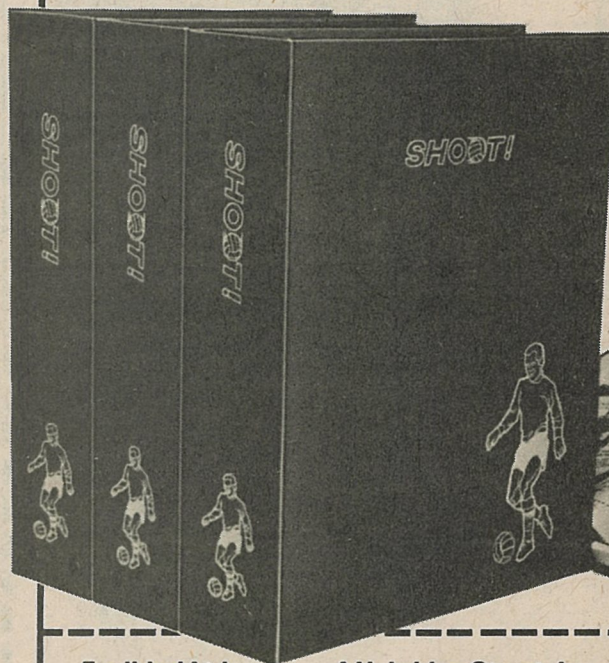
DOWN:

- (1) "Stone" used to remove stubborn stains or dirt. (6)
- (2) Neil —, Bolton Wanderers striker. (8)
- (3) Be in front. (4)
- (4) Barry —, Spurs goal-keeper. (6)
- (5) Graeme —, Liverpool midfielder player. (7)
- (6) Peter —, Nottingham Forest 'keeper. (7)
- (7) In good health or condition. (3)
- (10) Movement of the head which might be the means of scoring. (3)
- (11) Books in which to keep photographs, cuttings, etc. (6)
- (12) Club which finished bottom of Division Four in 1979-80. (8)
- (16) Come out into view. (6)
- (17) Dave —, art, Swansea 'keeper. (4)



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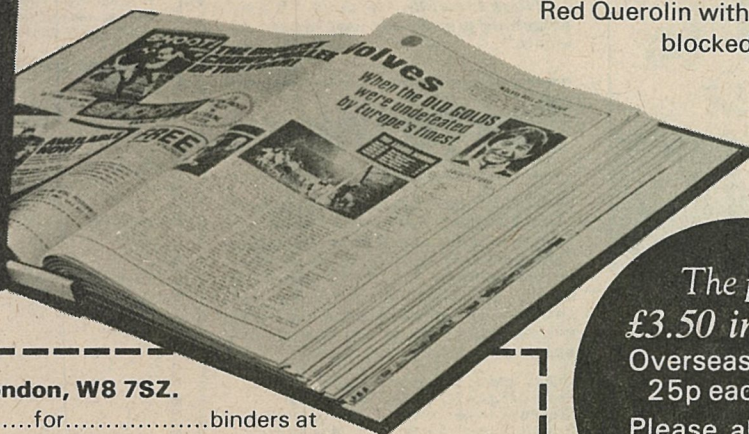


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Denis Law, Jim Baxter, Ian St

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DANNY McGRAIN



John, Kenny Dalglish, Stevie Archibald, Ray Stewart and Des Bremner — the list is endless. Some like Law and Graeme Souness headed to England as boys.

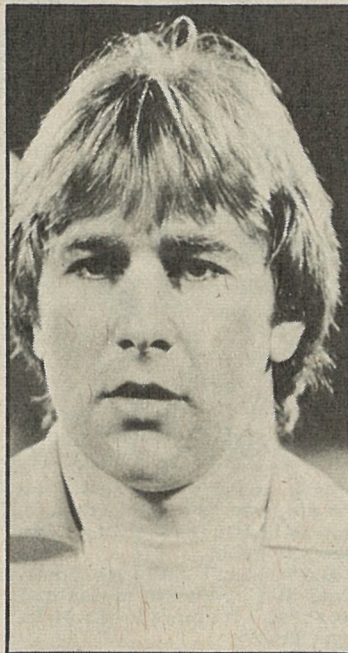
Others, like Archibald, Dalglish and Hansen, went for big, big money. And others, like Willie Johnston, found their way back to Scotland again.

But throughout the years the supply has seemingly been endless with an eternal spring of talent sprouting in our country that never fails to impress the scouts and

managers from South of the border.

Remember the fees paid for Andy Gray, Frank McGarvey, Tony Fitzpatrick and the rest? There has been a few bob travelling North over the years.

But the point is, I will be the first



Alan Rough, who nearly signed for Hull City ten years ago for a £50,000 fee.

to applaud if it all dries up. Scottish football would be a better life if the exodus stopped.

And there are plenty of young stars that the English clubs would love to get their talent-grabbing hands on that they have either missed or can't afford.

The pick of the bunch, of course, is Celtic's own Charlie Nicholas who has finished the season which he began as a teenage reserve player in unbelievable fashion.

He has a League Championship medal, a Scotland Under-21 cap, is the players' Young Player of the Year and was voted Scotland's Most Exciting Player of 1981 by the readers of SHOOT.

But more important, he has just signed a new long term contract with Celtic!

However, there is bags more talent around. Like Paul Sturrock of Dundee United, who graced Hampden on Cup Final day and won his second League Cup winners' medal.

Then he was named in the Scotland pool for the British Championship and that was no surprise to anyone who sees him play regularly.

At Ibrox, Rangers have Bobby Russell, a superbly talented lad, and Ian Redford who came from Dundee for £200,000.

Future

St Mirren, just pipped for Europe, have a crop of fine young players who hold the future of Scotland's soccer in their hands, such as Alan Logan, Lex Richardson, goalkeeper Billy Thomson, Mark Fulton and Peter Weir.

I hope you have my point by now, but perhaps the best illustration of what I mean comes in the shape of Alan Rough. Almost ten years ago Hull City almost had him for £50,000 but since then he has been the subject of derision from the English rather than a possible purchase.

And now our friends South of the border are beginning to concede that they were wrong. But in the meanwhile Scots fans have enjoyed the best years of the Thistle 'keeper.

See you in two weeks.

Danny McGrain

**TARTAN TALK
FROM RANGERS'
DEREK JOHNSTONE
NEXT WEEK**

Charlie Nicholas has decided to stay put with Celtic.

NOBBY





Johnston shows he has lost none of his pace since his first spell at Rangers nearly ten years ago.

CONTROVERSY is always around when Willie Johnston takes the field... but, when you get away from the troubles which have dogged his career, the Rangers forward remains one of the most exciting wingers in the game.

He is one of that rare breed who came so close to being killed off by Sir Alf Ramsey — an out and out wing man.

Johnston still crosses so accurately at speed, and now he claims he is a better player than he was when he was with Rangers the first time around.

"Honestly," he explains, "I didn't know the first thing about the

game in those days. I had gone into the team as a youngster and, because I had natural ability, I was given my head.

"But it wasn't until I was transferred that I began to realise that there was a lot more to the game than I knew!

"I went to West Brom and in my years there I picked up more than at any other time in my career.

"Don Howe was my first gaffer and he was tremendous, then Johnny Giles was there as player manager and he was playing alongside me.

"It was amazing what I picked up in that time. I'd picked up a bundle of Scottish caps, all sorts of winners' medals with Rangers including a European Cup Winners' Cup medal... yet I don't think I

was a player at all until I was about 27-years-old. It was the time at West Brom that matured me.

"Since then I've been in Vancouver and helped the Whitecaps win the Super Bowl over there.

"Actually, I picked up a lot there, too, because Alan Ball was in the team and I enjoyed playing with him.

"It was a great experience but I did want to get home during my second spell, and when I knew Rangers wanted me that was it.

"Alan Ball wanted me to go with

often lining up against you yet again!

"I understand there's a possible move to reinstate the old First and Second Division next season. That's great news."

Another aspect of the game in Scotland that the 34-year-old veteran hates is the tackle from behind.

"That should be banned," he argues. "I think Scotland must be about the only place where defenders can tackle from the back the way they do.

"It's a handicap to anyone who wants to try to use the ball. You spend half the time looking over your shoulder waiting for someone to whack you from the back.

What I hate about Scottish soccer

—WILLIE JOHNSTON

him to Blackpool when he was taking over there, and there were other offers, too, but Rangers were always my team.

"I supported them when I was a boy and I signed for them that first time when I was 16. So when John Greig came in that was it.

"I can't say I'm a great fan of the Premier Division. I don't think there is enough fun about the games in the Top Ten. There is a lot more tension than there used to be when I was playing in the old style First Division.

"And the way the fixtures turn out you can be playing each other half a dozen times. We played Partick Thistle six times and Aberdeen six times last season.

"People get used to each other and it's hard to work up new tricks if you are an attacker and here's the same full-back you've seen so

I'd like to see that changed."

Johnston is not alone in that, nor is he alone in his dislike of the astroturf he so often had to play on in the States.

"That's something I wouldn't like to see introduced," he says. "Apart from the obvious burns players can pick up from sliding on that stuff there are other injuries being discovered.

'Muscle Damage'

"The American footballers — you know the grid-iron players — are discovering that it can cause all kinds of muscle damage. I don't think that we need that sort of thing over here.

"We don't want anything that can cause injuries, do we? Nothing beats a really good playing surface, and we used to love it in the States when we were back playing on grass after having a few games on the artificial stuff."

Hibs want Rough

GOALKEEPER Jim McArthur's 'reward' for helping Hibs regain their Premier Division status could be a rather strange one... he faces the axe from the first team!

Manager Bertie Auld has already admitted he would like to buy Alan Rough from his former club Partick Thistle, but that move has as much chance of going through as Israel have of winning the World Cup!

Still, it clearly shows that Auld is on the look out for a new 'keeper and he has also been linked with Morton's consistent and capable Roy Baines, whose contract expired at the end of the season.

That would leave him as a free agent and Baines, who lives near Edinburgh, might not be adverse to going back to Easter Road. McArthur was easily one of the

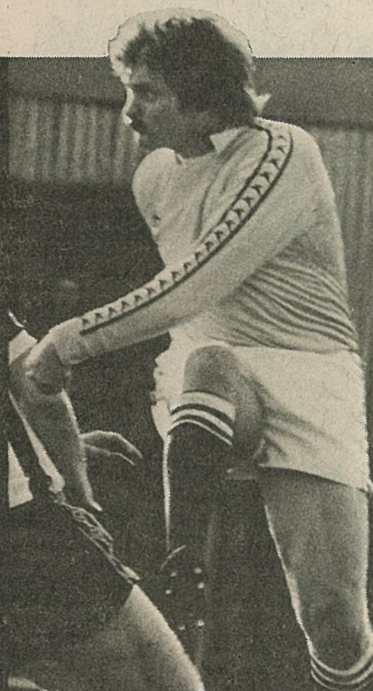
outstanding goalkeepers in the First Division and he says: "Yes, I've heard the rumours and the stories. If the manager wants to buy someone else, that's entirely up to him.

'Challenge'

"But I have no intention of giving up my first place without a fight. I'm really looking forward to life in the Premier Division again. The challenge of the Top Ten really keeps you on your toes."

It's not the first time McArthur has faced the axe while playing for the Edinburgh men, who paid Cowdenbeath £30,000 for him eight seasons ago.

He was dropped while youngster Hugh Whyte took over a few years back, but with great determi-



Jim McArthur, determined to keep his place in the Hibernian goal.

nation he fought his way back. Whyte is now playing for Dunfermline.

Then he was relegated to the reserves again when former boss Eddie Turnbull paid Stoke City £35,000 for Mike McDonald. He had a fairly lengthy spell in the first team, but once more McArthur bounced back. McDonald is now doing his stuff with Berwick.

McArthur, who became a father for the first time just before Hibs' Scottish Cup-tie against Rangers at Ibrox this season, is not a pessimist by nature.

"Football is just one big challenge," he says. "And that's the way I like it. We've all played our part in getting Hibs out of the First Division in one go and now, hopefully, we will be able to continue the good work once the new season gets underway. I want to be there. I'm determined to be there."

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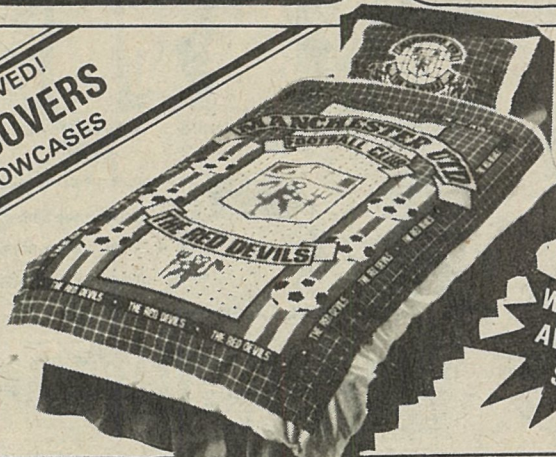
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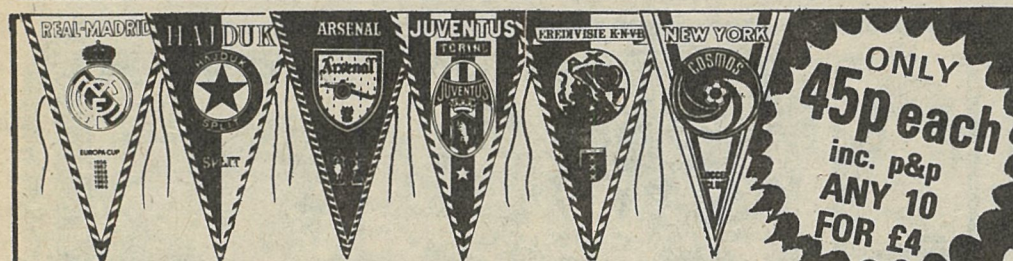
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- ☐ McDERMOTT ☐ BAILEY ☐ HODDLE ☐ MARINER
- ☐ JOHNSON ☐ BRADY ☐ FRANCIS T. ☐ BEST

NAME.....
ADDRESS.....

SCORED 20 goals in 1980-81, 18 in the First Division and two in the League Cup. That total would satisfy most strikers these days, but not me.

My striking partner Peter Withe created so many openings in and around the box I should really have notched more to finish around the 25 mark.

I was too inconsistent, inclined to drift out of matches too often and failed at times to put myself in a position where our midfielders could spot me.

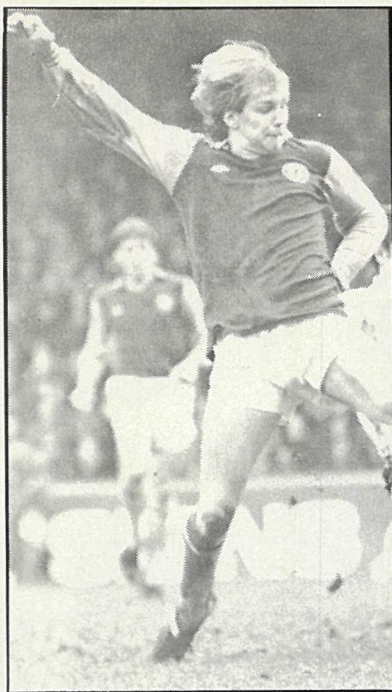
The boss, Ron Saunders, kept on telling me to buck my ideas up and not lose concentration. Obviously that's one area he and I will be working on next season.

As you can imagine, all strikers worry when they are not scoring goals, and I'm no exception. There was a period just after Christmas when I went through a lean spell and began to lose sleep. In seven games I scored just once, against Manchester City on January 31st.

That goal, my 15th of the season, caught City cold. As early as the second minute the ball ran loose in their box and I volleyed it into the roof of the net.

It wasn't my best goal of the season, but it was certainly one of the most vital.

Not that it did me much good, I



**SOCCER
AS I SEE IT
Gary
Shaw**



as surprised as anyone when the ball hit me on the head and went over the line.

Naturally I told the lads I meant to head the ball home.

Perhaps the cheekiest goal was number 12, scored away to Middlesbrough on December 6th when Villa lost 2-1.

The ball was played through by Morty and with Boro players appealing for offside I ran on for 15 yards to just inside the box. Half expecting the referee to blow up at any time I dummied and shot the ball through Jim Platt's legs into the net.

The goal stood despite Boro's frantic appeals. Unfortunately for Villa they scored the winner two minutes from time.

But all goals are good goals. I just hope I'm on target more often next season when Villa defend their title and attempt to win the European Cup.

Finally, belated congratulations to Peter Withe on his England debut against Brazil. If only his last minute shot had gone into the net instead of hitting a post. What an end to a fabulous season that would have been for him.

I'd also like to thank the Midland Soccer Writers for voting me their Young Player of the Year. Peter Withe was their Player of the Year.

Thanks also to Robinson's Barley Water and their panel for choosing me as their Young Player of the Year. Prize for winning that title is a Rover 2.3 litre car and a cheque for £2,000 from the sponsors to the PFA Accident Fund.

Amazing... a year or so ago I didn't even have a car, now I've got two.

Those of you who watched the F.A. Cup Final build up on BBC TV may recall seeing Ron Greenwood presenting me with the trophy.

I've now completed a tremendous hat-trick of awards this season. Remember I was also the PFA Young Player of the Year.

But I'm only the guy who goes up to collect the silverware. Really the awards belong to all the people who helped make 1980-81 such a memorable season... the boss and all the lads at Aston Villa.

A special thanks to them all and you readers and fans for your magic support!

Peter Withe

Gary Shaw

'MY TROPHY HAT-TRICK'

didn't score again until five games later, at home to Manchester United.

Peter Withe scored twice for Villa, but United had equalised through a Sammy McIlroy penalty.

United were fighting hard for the winner when Dennis Mortimer crossed the ball into their area and I just managed to get my toe to it before Kevin Moran could clear.

Developed

The goal I rate my best of the season was number 14 scored in our 2-2 away draw at Nottingham Forest on December 27th.

The move developed down the left-hand side of the field. I received the ball from Gary Williams and laid it off to David Geddis who passed it to Dennis Mortimer.

Morty played it to Kenny Swain who was moving down the right flank.

Kenny drove the ball hard and low into the Forest box where I was in the ideal position to hit it on the half volley past Peter Shilton.

My shock goal of the season was number six, scored in Villa's 3-3 draw at Manchester United on October 8th.

It was 2-2 at the time when the ball was crossed into their area. Gary Bailey misjudged it and I was



A double for Aston Villa (right). Gary Shaw and Peter Withe, voted the Midlands Players of the Year.



Peter Withe (left) and Allan Evans have plenty to smile about.

SALUTE TO



Gary Shaw and Des Bremner grasp English soccer's most sought-after trophy, and share the fans' adulation.

VILLA

Right: Manager Ron Saunders and captain Dennis Mortimer raise the Championship trophy.



It was the day Birmingham went wild about Villa . . . the city, not City, of course! Thousands of Villa fans took to the streets to salute their Champions, a memorable climax to a season that restored the proud club to the top.



Winger Tony Morley — Villa fan and superstar.

ONE of the few bright spots on the England international front in recent months has been the steady emergence of Bryan Robson.

The West Bromwich Albion star has proved to be a tower of strength when called upon to fill in at sweeper for England, but it is in midfield that Robson comes into his own.

His powerful running, determined tackling and marvellous passing ability make Robson the perfect midfield man for Ron Greenwood.

In this the fourth part of our exclusive series, the exciting England star reveals exactly what qualities are necessary to compete at the very top of his profession at both club and international level.

"Although I can play at the back, there is nothing to match the involvement and action of midfield," claims Bryan Robson.

"I'm always doing something, whether it's helping out at the back or going for goal at the other end."

The midfielder — Jack of all footballing trades. The player who has to attack and defend with equal effect.

"Personally I like to go forward, but generally I bide my time and stay as central as possible. But I often go back to help the defence, too."

"I like to score, and if I get the

"Vision and timing are absolutely essential, because an attack always builds from midfield. I have to be aware of what everyone is doing all the time. I have to be able to pick my passes and crosses."

"The midfielder has to be very deliberate, taking time and being patient. But when he needs it, he has to be able to think fast."

Free-kicks are another midfield speciality.

"I have special training for this," said Bryan, "because the boss, Ron Atkinson, reckons I'm the best one to put the ball on someone's head from the edge of the box."

"I also have to be a lot fitter than other players, because if anyone is doing an end to end job, it's me. One minute I could be trying to put the ball away and the next I could be helping out in defence if play suddenly changes direction."

"I'm always running all over the place."

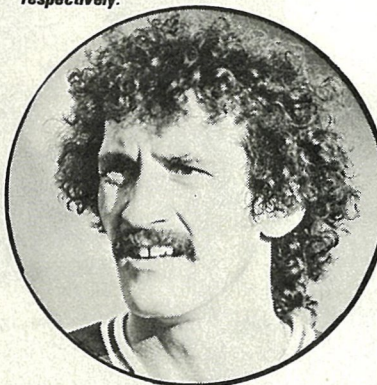
"Whereas a defender can sit on the edge of the box and wait for

Men who do the job to perfection are few and far between, but Bryan rates Glenn Hoddle, Ray Wilkins and Terry McDermott as among the best in the land.

"Glenn is a great all rounder, he has skill, ability and is generally a very gifted footballer. And he can score some really spectacular goals from midfield."

"Wilkins has the same style as me. He sits and waits and picks his

Terry McDermott (below) and Paul Mariner (right) are two England team-mates whom Robson regards among the best in their specialised duties in midfield and attack respectively.



No. 4 in a fascinating series in which top stars talk about their specialised roles and other players they admire.

Robson is two

chance to move up, I'm not going to give up that opportunity easily.

"I like to be where the action is. In fact, in midfield at times we are the action, we are the play. I like to be the midfield general, and that is easy when you play in this sort of position."

Vision and timing

The midfield has to have several attributes other players don't possess, and in some cases he has to have the skills of all the other players.

"We have to be really aware of what is going on. It's a mixture of needs.

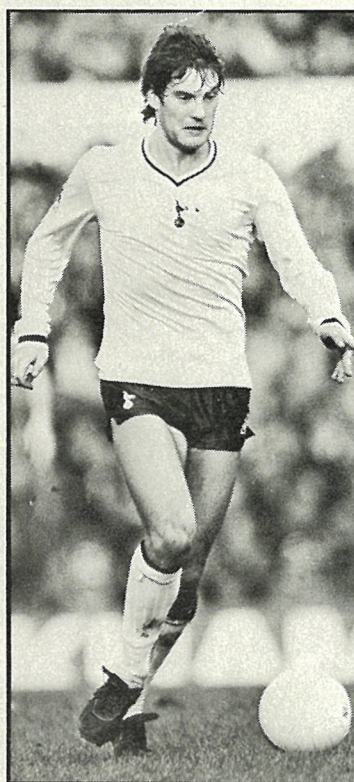
the ball to come to him, and the same applies for a striker at the other end, I'm the middle man and at times take over both their jobs."

Bryan has mostly played midfield. He came up through the ranks at West Brom who he joined at 16, eight years ago.

In that time he doesn't think soccer as a whole has changed, but the midfield role certainly has.

Great Glenn

"Teams are more aware of a need for a defence. Although a midfielder tends to help out up front, he is also in big demand at the back."



Liverpool's Graeme Souness rounds Chris Nicholl of Southampton to score (left). Another man capable of scoring at a consistent rate from midfield is Glenn Hoddle (above) of Tottenham. Robson rates both men highly and counts them among his most difficult opponents.

moment. He really sprays the ball about.

"Terry McDermott is different, a very strong runner. Once he goes on a run, that's it, something is going to happen. He scores as well."

Souness tops

But top of the midfield tree in the Robson book is Liverpool's other midfield star, Graeme Souness.

"He's tremendous. He can be a real handful. You really have to try hard to stay with him. He has skill and power — a superb player."

"He's helped by playing for Liverpool. A team of good all rounders, very strong and skilful who never give up."

But when the Robson mind turns to scoring and he heads for goal, Bryan finds Peter Shilton the hardest man to put them past.

"He's got his angles right and is very difficult to beat. He organises his defence well and is always shouting and letting his men know what he wants."

"Of course, Ray Clemence comes a very close second."

"Ipswich Town's Russell Osman is the best defender judging by this season's performance. He's good

Panic in the Leeds defence as the strong-willed determination of West Bromwich Albion midfielder star Bryan Robson carries him through a challenge from Elland Road defender Kevin Hird (right). It is this sort of aggression which has helped to establish him at international level.

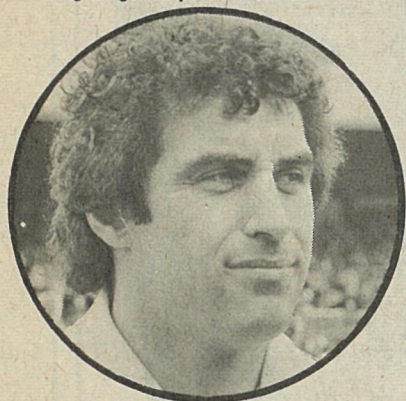
on the ball and has the style a defender needs nowadays, attacking ability. That's why he's an international.

Master Mariner

"Out on the wing, Laurie Cunningham has just about everything a winger needs. He's a real team man, scores and never lets the ball away from his feet without a struggle. A marvellous man to have out wide.

"Then at the front I rate Paul Mariner. He's big and strong, as a striker needs to be, and has a great

England goalkeeper Peter Shilton



laughing and joking.

"But my funniest and most embarrassing moment came when I was warming up with the England squad before our game against Switzerland.

Mudlark

"There I was, knocking the ball about all cool and collected, the band were playing, the crowd was tense and we were all immaculate in our England strip.

"Then this ball came towards me, I went to kick it and slipped straight on my backside in the mud. I was caked. Everyone burst out laughing, but I felt such a fool. It broke the tension though.

"There I was when it was time for the handshakes and introductions with all the rest of the lads perfect in blue and white and me with a filthy backside.

"And then some so and so took a picture.

"In a way, it's good when something like that happens. You feel better, but it's even better when it happens to someone else . . ."

Next week we conclude the series with Aston Villa's Champion winger Tony Morley.

players in one!

touch. He can withstand challenges and brings others into the game.

"But my all time favourite has to be Trevor Francis.

"He has a bit of everything, a roaming player, waiting to pounce, and when he does . . ."

Robson reckons that exciting blood-and-thunder soccer is what the fans want.

"These players I have just mentioned can give that sort of entertainment," he said.

"Our fans have had to be patient over the years, but they have what they want now, and they love it.

"It's a happy atmosphere at West Brom. We are always



NICKNAMES NIGHTMARE

Find the nicknames of these British football clubs by searching in the frame below horizontally or vertically, forwards or backwards.

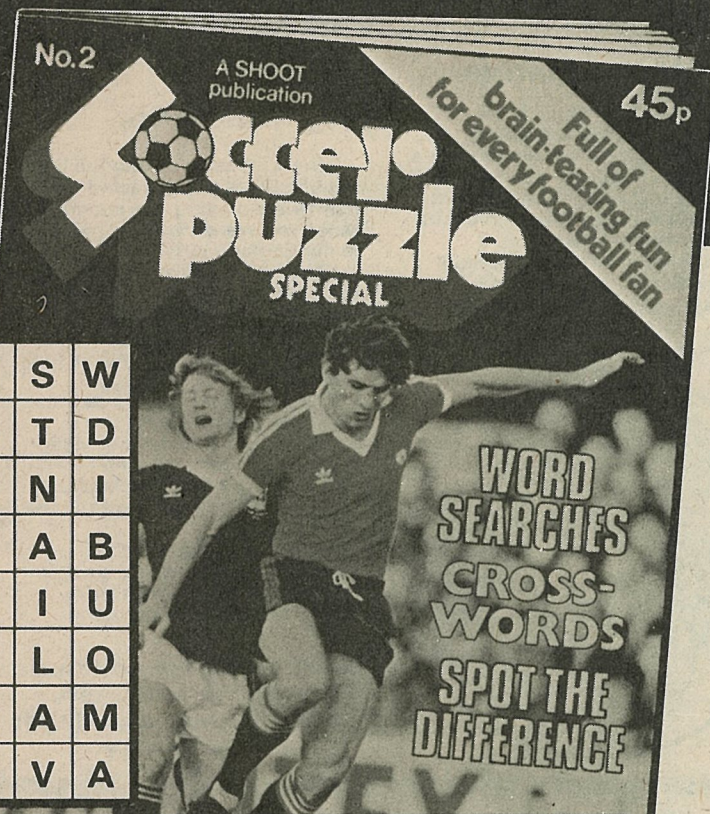
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3. Grimsby. 4. Falkirk.
5. Hull City.
6. Dumbarton.

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RING THE CHANGES



Terry McDermott wearing the kind of chain which could injure.

This week's Star Letter comes from Robert Jackson of Bradway, Sheffield, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

SURELY items of jewellery present a real danger to the players when playing a fast, physical game.

Common-sense should make the wearing of jewellery outlawed but it doesn't. Law Four states clearly that players "shall not wear anything which is dangerous to another player."

The law, when made, was mainly aimed at boots and studs, but heavy or ornate rings, bracelets and necklaces are surely dangerous.

Years ago when I broke my arm in a junior match the most painful moment for me at the hospital was when a small signet ring had to be removed from my swollen finger.

I've never worn jewellery of any sort since that day.

I suppose we must wait until an opponent is seriously hurt by a large ring (quite inadvertently, of course, as a player's arm swings awkwardly to maintain balance) before action is taken.

● Too often soccer has shut the stable door after the horse has bolted.

Unfair to Hibbitt

THE letter from Mark Birch 'Cheat of the Year' was unfair to Kenny Hibbitt.

There can be few dedicated footballers in the game today who do not and will not resort to what has become known as the 'professional foul'.

But to pick on Kenny Hibbitt, whose fair play and gentlemanly conduct on and off the field can be equalled by few other footballers, is the height of absurdity.

In the same Wolves-Spurs F.A. Semi-Final, the 'foul' given on Hoddle — and from which Spurs scored — was also very questionable.

No, the fault surely lies in the system and the high incentives for the players to win at any cost.

I do not have the remedy; I wish I had and the game might be better and more pleasant to watch.

It might also stop people like Jimmy Hill using their privileged position to make snide remarks about how honest some footballers can be off the field compared to their performance on it.

WALTER MENDELSSON,
LONDON.

● Whatever the incentives, players who try to gain unfair advantage should be shown up.

Four-up, four-down

THE major cause for concern this season has been the falling attendances.

In my view these poor gates could be improved if more teams were involved in interesting end of season promotion and relegation battles, which would capture the imagination of the stay-away fans.

One way to provide these exciting struggles would be to extend the number of relegated teams from Division One to four and likewise the promoted teams from the Second Division.

CHRIS SHAW,
LIVERPOOL.

● The Second Division struggles to promote three teams capable of surviving in Division One, where there's already enough fear in teams' play.

Proud Hammers

WEST HAM fans can feel proud of their loyal players.

Even three years in the doldrums of the Second Division and players of such class as Brooking, Lampard, Bonds (below) and Cross stayed at Upton Park.

So let this give spirit to other players who have suffered the big drop from the glamorous First Division.

SEAN SIDNEY,
GT. OAKLEY.

● The reason the players stayed is that it would have been virtually impossible for them to have enjoyed their football more — even in the First Division.



Jeering must stop

I AM becoming annoyed, if not concerned, about the treatment given by the England fans of the opposing team's national anthem.

Unfortunately this can not be blamed on the minority, but the majority, because from where I sit it sounded like a good three-quarters of the crowd.

I feel sorry for the England team who have to play to fans who have little respect for the opposing team.

I feel that if the practice of trying to disrupt the national anthem continues, it will ruin the spirit of international games as well as invoke trouble between rival supporters.

M. BERRY,
GOLDINGTON.

● There was a marked improvement at England/Brazil. Perhaps the message has finally sunk in.

Clowns

YOU say that footballers are entertainers and should be paid accordingly. Perhaps you're right.

Most of them should be on the same pay scale as clowns.

M. BUTLIN,
BECKENHAM.

● I know of some clubs whose facilities aren't as good as circuses.

Steve the great

STEVE HEIGHWAY has departed for the USA and British football has lost one of its greatest players.

Although Steve hasn't been a first team regular with Liverpool for the past few seasons he has always done a fine job when called upon, and has managed to hold on to his international place with the Republic of Ireland.

Over the years Steve has given both club and country dedicated service. I'm glad the fans turned up in their thousands at Anfield for his testimonial game to pay tribute to a model professional, and that Steve enjoys his new career in the States.

JOHN HUNTER,
LONDONDERRY.

● Almost 20,000 at Steve's testimonial proves what 'Pool fans thought of him.

New faces

THE bottom club in the Football League should be automatically taken out of the League.

The way teams would get in the Football League is like this — the winners of the Southern League, the Midland League, the Northern Premier and the Alliance Premier League all meet in a knock-out Cup and the winners are automatically elected into the League.

STUART SPRATT,
BOOTHBY.

● It's good to see new faces in the League... but sad to see old ones leave it.

Pen-Pals

I AM a 14-year-old Australian boy and I would like a female pen-pal of my age. My favourite team is Nottingham Forest.

MARK O'CONNELL,
56 JOYNT ST MACLEOD,
3085, MELBOURNE,
AUSTRALIA.

I'm a 15-year-old English girl and I'd like to correspond with supporters of Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal in England.

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Lee debut

When, and against whom, did Liverpool's exciting young star Sammy Lee make his League debut?

MATTHEW COX,
BROMLEY

● He first came on as sub for Dave Johnson in the home game against Leicester on 8th April, 1978, Matthew — and scored the decisive goal in a 3-2 win.

But Lee's full debut was delayed over a year until the 1-1 draw at Southampton on 24th April, 1979.

In fact, up to the start of the 1980-81 season, he'd still played only seven full League games.

Controversial

Could you tell me why the famous "Over the line" F.A. Cup Final was so-called?

DAVE WINTER,
RICHMOND

● That now-famous "goal-that-never-was" took place in the 1932 Final, Dave, when Newcastle beat Arsenal 2-1.

They say the camera can't lie — or can it? — and, as Arsenal defenders stood still, newsreel film clearly shows the ball a good foot over the goal-line when Richardson centred for Allen to head home the goal that equalised Arsenal's early lead from Bob John.

Despite mild protests — which might have been a near-riot nowadays! — referee Harper, one of the best of his time, unaccountably allowed the goal to stand. And that was that.

Later, Allen scored his second goal of the match — and the Cup was safe for decidedly lucky Newcastle.

Scoring sub

Who was the first substitute to score in a Football League game?

S. Y. LAW,
MANCHESTER

● He was Bobby Knox, for Barrow against Wrexham in a Fourth Division game on 21st August, 1965 — the first day on which subs were permitted in the League.

Oddly enough, Knox was also the first number 12 to save a penalty — which, as an emergency goalkeeper, he did against Doncaster on the following 27th December.

SHORT PASSES

● Mick Mills, with well over 500 games, holds the Ipswich club record for most League appearances.

(MATTHEW AITCHISON, Petersfield)

● Colin Lee scored four goals in Tottenham's 9-0 Second Division victory over Bristol Rovers on 22nd October, 1977.

(PHILIP WOOD, Liverpool)

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

Saturday, April 25

Scottish First

(CONTINUED)

FALKIRK (0) 1 (Fowler)	
DUNDEE (0) 2 (Murphy, Stephen)	4,500
HAMILTON (1) 4 (McManus, Craig, Deeney, Alexander)	
BERWICK (0) 1 (Brown)	1,000
MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Irvine)	
HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Murray)	3,478
ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1 (Morton)	
STIRLING (0) 0	3,352

Scottish Second

ARBROATH (1) 1 (Lees)	
QoS (1) 2 (Phillips)	463
CLYDE (6) 6 (Ahern pen, Dempsey 2, Kean, Masterton, Evans)	
EAST FIFE (2) 2 (Caithness, Thomson)	350
MONTROSE (0) 1 (Forbes)	
ALBION (1) 1 (Hill)	300
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (McCoy)	
COWDENBEATH (1) 1 (Wallace)	2,051
STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1 (Meakin)	
BRECHIN (0) 1 (Campbell)	150
STRANRAER (0) 0	
FORFAR (1) 3 (Mitchell, Watt, Gallagher)	200

Sunday, April 26

Second Division

ORIENT (2) 2 (Jones (o.g.), Gowing (o.g.))	
BOLTON (1) 2 (Gowling, Whatmore)	2,824
Orient: Rafter, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor (T), Gray, Moores, Godfrey, Jennings, Mayo, Bowles, Taylor (P)	
Bolton: Poole, Nicholson, Walsh, Reid, Jones, Cantello, Nikolic (Brennan), Whatmore, Thomas, Hoggan, Gowing	

Fourth Division

PORT VALE 0	
HALIFAX 0	2,301
Bradford v Hereford postponed.	

Monday, April 27

Second Division

SWANSEA (2) 2 (Craig, James (L))	
LUTON (1) 2 (Hill 2)	21,354
Swansea: Stewart, Evans, Hadziabdic, Robinson, Stevenson, Lewis, Curtis, James (R), James (L), Mahoney, Craig (Charles)	
Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, West, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, White, Antic, Moss	

Tuesday, April 28

World Cup Qualifying

(Group Six)

SCOTLAND (2) 3 (Robertson 2 (2 pens.), Provan)	
ISRAEL (0) 1 (Sinai)	At Hampden Park 61,489
Scotland: Rough, McGrain, Gray (F), Souness, McLeish, Hansen, Provan, Archibald, Jordan, Hartford, Robertson	
Israel: Mizrahi, Machness, Cohen (J), Ekhois, Cohen (A), Bar, Shum, Sitouni, Sinai, Damti, Tabak	

U.E.F.A. Under-21

ENGLAND (1) 3 (Heath 2, Thompson)	
RUMANIA (0) 0	at Swindon 8,739
England: Lukic, Ranson (Duxbury), Fenwick, Moses, Gilbert, Smith, Mills, Lee, Thompson, Owen, Heath	
Romania: Alexa, Vlad, Iovan, Rednic, Boldovan, Solomon, Soiman, Cimpeanu, Terhes Klein, Geolga	

Second Division

SHEFFIELD WED. (0) 1 (Mirocevic)	
GRIMSBY (2) 2 (Drinkell, Kilmore)	16,474
Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Sterland, Stirliff (Peter), King, Mirocevic, Johnson, Hornsby, Stirliff (Paul), McCulloch, Curran	
Grimsb: Batch, Stone, Crombie, Waters Wigginton, Moore, Kilmore, Whymark (Beacock), Drinkell, Mitchell, Brolly	

Third Division

BARNLEY (1) 1 (Glavin)	
ROTHERHAM (0) 0	25,935

Fourth Division

WIMBLEDON (2) 4 (Leslie 2, Hodges, Galliers)	
ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Wann)	2,884

Wednesday, April 29

World Cup

(Group Four)

ENGLAND 0	
RUMANIA 0	At Wembley 62,500
England: Shilton, Anderson, Sansom, Robson, Watson, Osman, Wilkins, Brooking (McDermott), Coppell, Francis, Woodcock	
Romania: Iordache, Negrita, Munteanu, Sames, Stefanescu, Beldeanu, Crisan, Iordanescu, Camataru, Stoica, Balaci	



England's Tony Woodcock trying to break the deadlock against Rumania at Wembley.

(Group Six)

N. IRELAND (0) 1 (Armstrong)	
PORTUGAL (0) 0	At Windsor Park 25,000
N. Ireland: Jennings, Nicholl (J), Nicholl (C), O'Neill (J), Nelson, O'Neill (M), McCreery, McIlroy, Cochrane, Armstrong, Hamilton	
Portugal: Bento, Gabriel, Humberto, Simoes, Pietra, Sheu, Manuel, Alves, Jordao, Oliveira (Nene), Costa	

Friendly International

REPUBLIC of IRELAND (1) 3 (Moran 2, Stapleton)	
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (0) 1 (Masny)	In Dublin 8,000
Rep. of Ireland: McDonagh, Langan, O'Leary, Moran, Devine, Daly (Whelan), Martin, Grimes, Stapleton, Walsh, O'Callaghan	
Czechoslovakia: Seman, Barmos, Macela (Jurkemik), Redimec, Jajubec, Kozac, Nemecek (Bicovsky), Berger, Masny, Licka, Nehoda	

Third Division

EXETER (1) 2 (Kellow, Pratt)	
CHESTER (0) 2 (Jones, Howat)	3,056
OXFORD (1) 1 (Smithers)	
MILLWALL (0) 0	3,690

Fourth Division

TRANMERE (1) 2 (Peplow, Kelly)	
HEREFORD (0) 1 (Bartley)	1,136

Scottish Premier

DUNDEE UTD. (1) 4 (Bannon, Kirkwood 2, Milne)	
AIRDRIE (1) 1 (Clark)	3,133
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Holt, Kopel, Phillip (Gough), Stark, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds	
Airdrie: Davidson, Cairney, Rodger, Anderson (G), March, McLuskey, Flood, Clark, Anderson (N), McKeown (Walker), Burnett (Maguire)	

Scottish First

E. STIRLING (2) 2 (Hunter, Rennie)	
CLYDEBANK (2) 2 (Miller, Given)	1,300

Scottish Second

COWDENBEATH (1) 1 (Steele)	
MEADOWBANK (0) 0	300

Thursday, April 30

First Division

WOLVES (1) 1 (Gray)	
TOTTENHAM (0) 0	18,530
Wolves: Kearns, Palmer, Hollifield, Brazier, McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray (Atkinson), Richards, Teasdale	
Tottenham: Daines, Smith, Miller, Roberts, Brooke, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, McAllister, Falco	

Friday, May 1

Fourth Division

CREWE 0	
PORT VALE 0	4,634
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Bowen)	
TORQUAY (0) 0	1,562
SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Hadley)	
ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Jones)	10,668

NORWICH (1) 2 (McGuire, Fashanu)	
LEICESTER (2) 3 (Melrose 3)	25,307
Norwich: Woods, McDowell (Jack), Downs, McGuire, Watson, Walford, O'Neill, Fashanu, Royle, Paddon, Barham	
Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Leet (Henderson), Ramsey, May, O'Neill, Lynex, Melrose, Young, MacDonald, Wilson	

NOTTM. FOREST (1) 1 (Robertson, pen.)	
COVENTRY (1) 1 (Thompson)	21,511
Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Gunn, Gray (F), McGovern, Burns, Aas, Mills, Wallace, Francis, Gray (S), Robertson	
Coventry: Sealy, Coop, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Gillespie, Gooding, Daly, Thompson, English, Hunt	

STOKE (1) 3 (Bracewell 2, Ursem)	
WOLVES (1) 2 (Evans (og), Hibbitt)	14,929
Stoke: Fox, Evans, Munro, Dodd, O'Callaghan, Doyle, Ursem, Bracewell, Chapman, Heath, Maguire	
Wolves: Kearns, Palmer, Hollifield, Brazier (Atkinson), McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Richards, Teasdale	

W.B.A. (2) 4 (Brown, Barnes, Robson, Cross)	
TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Falco, Smith)	20,429
W.B.A.: Godden, Batson, Statham, Moses, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown, Regis, Owen (Cross), Barnes	
Tottenham: Aleksic, Perryman, Smith, Miller, McAllister, Villa, Brooke, Hazzard, Galvin, Roberts (Archibald), Falco	

Second Division

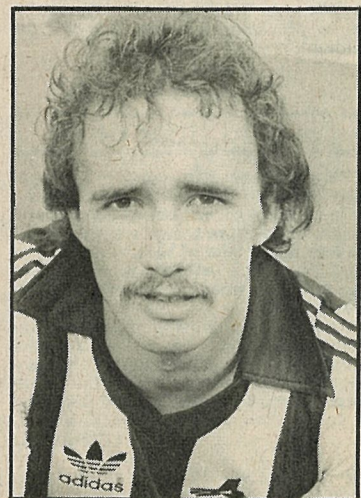
BOLTON (0) 0	
LUTON (0) 3 (Stein, White, Stephens)	7,268
Bolton: Peacock, Nicholson, Brennan, Cantello, Jones, Walsh, Nikolic, Whatmore, Thomas, Reid (Carter), Gowing	
Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Fucillo, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, White, Antic, Moss	

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0	
BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Speight)	9,078
Bristol Rovers: McAllister, Gillies, Bater, Hughes, Mabbutt, Williams (D), Cooper, McCaffery, Emmanuel, Randall, Penny (Williams (G))	
Blackburn: Arnold, Branagan, Rathbone, Keeley, Kendall, Fazackerley, Burke, Speight, Crawford, Lowey, Stonehouse	

CAMBRIDGE (3) 5 (Evans 2, Streete, Fallon, O'Neill)	
GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Waters, pen.)	4,528
Cambridge: Webster, Donaldson, Turner, Fallon, Murray, Spriggs, Streete, Gibbins, Evans, Reilly, O'Neill	
Grimsb: Batch, Moore (D), Crombie, Waters, Wigginton, Moore (K), Kilmore (Beacock), Whymark, Drinkell, Brolly	

CARDIFF 0	
DERBY 0	7,585
Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Pontin, Dwyer, Sullivan, Micallef, Grapes, Ronson, Lewis, Stevens, Kitchen	
Derby: Jones, Osgood, Sheridan, Buckley, Richards, Hector, Reid, Spooner, Emson, Wilson (Clayton), Swindlehurst	

CHELSEA (0) 0	
NOTTS COUNTY (1) 2 (Christie, Harkouk)	13,324
Chelsea: Borota, Locke (Rhodes-Brown), Wilkins, Bumstead, Pates, Chivers, Britton, Fillery, Lee, Walker, Viljoen	
Notts County: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Goodwin, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Harkouk, Christie, Hunt, Hooks	



Notts County striker Trevor Christie.

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...



Newcastle's Nigel Walker.

NEWCASTLE (1) 3 (Walker, Trewick, Harford)
ORIENT (0) 1 (Mayor) 11,376
Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Barton, Halliday, Davies, Trewick, Wharton, Martin, Harford, Shoulder, Walker (Nicholson).
Orient: Rafter, Roffey, Gray, Taylor (T), Moores, Fisher, Margarrison, Hughton, Mayo, Jennings, Godfrey (Banjo).

OLDHAM (0) 2 (Wylde, Heaton)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0 4,785
Oldham: McDonnell, Sinclair, Blair, Futcher, Clements, Keegan, Heaton, Atkinson, Wylde, Palmer, Steele.
Bristol City: Moller, Stevens, Sweeney, Marshall, Williams, Tainton, Mann (Smith), Musker, Aitken, Mabbutt, Chandler.

PRESTON (0) 1 (Bruce)
SWANSEA (2) 3 (James (L), Craig, Charles) 18,970
Preston: Tunks, Taylor, Blackley, Coleman, Baxter, Houston, Bell, Haslegrave, Burns (Anderson), Elliott, Bruce.
Swansea: Stewart, Evans, Stevenson, Hadziabdic, Robinson, Lewis, James (R), Craig, Curtis, James (L), Charles.

SHREWSBURY (1) 3 (Dungworth, Keay pen, King)
Q.P.R. (2) 3 (Fenwick, Waddock, Flanagan) 5,714
Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins (McLaren), Dungworth, Bates, Cross.
Q.P.R.: Hucker, Fenwick, Gillard, Wilkins, Howe, Roeder, Currie, Waddock, Flanagan, Muir, Sealy.

WATFORD (1) 2 (Poskett, Blissett)
SHEFF WED (1) 1 (Taylor) 12,351
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Jackett, Taylor, Sims, Bolton, Rostron, Blissett, Armstrong, Callaghan, Poskett.
Sheff Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirliff, Matthewson, Mirocevic, Taylor (Mellor), Johnson, McCulloch, Curran.

WEST HAM (1) 1 (Stewart pen)
WREXHAM (0) 0 30,515
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Neighbour, Goddard (Pearson), Cross, Brooking, Pike.
Wrexham: Davies, Dowman, Dwyer, Davis, Cegielski, Carrodus, Fox, Buxton (Edwards), Vinter, McNeill, Hill.

Third Division

BARNLEY (1) 4 (Parker, Glavin 3)
NEWPORT (0) 1 (Gwyther) 15,559
Barnley: (1) 1 (Potts)
OXFORD (0) 1 (Smithers) 3,938
Charlton: (1) 2 (Walsh, Smith)
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Lee) 9,637
CHESTER (0) 0
PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Gregory) 2,153
COLCHESTER (1) 1 (McDonough)
CARLISLE (0) 0 1,430
EXETER 0
BLACKPOOL 0 3,864
HUDDERSFIELD (2) 4 (Robins 2, Kindon, Sutton)
FULHAM (1) 2 (Beck pen, Davies) 6,963

MILLWALL (0) 0
CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Kowalski, Moss) 3,522
READING (1) 2 (Dixon 2)
HULL (0) 0 3,159
ROtherham (1) 2 (Moore, Fern)
PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Sims) 11,497
SHEFF UTD (0) 0
WALSALL (0) 1 (Penn pen) 16,001
SWINDON 0
BRENTFORD 0 8,725

Fourth Division

DONCASTER (1) 2 (Warboys, Nimmo)
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Dawtry) 11,373
HALIFAX (1) 1 (Jopling (o.g.))
ALDERSHOT (0) 0 1,587
HARTLEPOOL (1) 3 (Houchen 2 (1 pen), Sweeney)
TRANMERE (0) 0 1,802
HEREFORD (1) 1 (McGrellis)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Cooke) 2,102
LINCOLN (0) 1 (Cunningham)
DARLINGTON (0) 0 3,888
SCUNTHORPE (3) 4 (O'Berg 2, Cammack 2)
WIGAN (1) 4 (Quinn (M), Glenn 2, Wright pen) 1,704
WIMBLEDON (0) 2 (Goddard pen, Denny)
BURY (1) 4 (Johnson pen, Whitehead, Madden, Jakub) 2,292
YORK (0) 0
BRADFORD (0) 3 (Campbell 2, Ellis) 1,481

Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (0) 0
KILMARNOCK (0) 2 (McDicken, McCready) 6,300
Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Watson (Jarvie), McLeish, Miller, Simpson, McGhee, Harper, Angus (Harrow), Hewitt.
Kilmarnock: McCulloch, Robin (Robertson), Cockburn, Clark, Armstrong, McDicken, McCready, McLean, Bourke, Mauchlen, Eadie.
AIRDRIE (1) 3 (Clarke 2, March)
MORTON (1) 2 (Hutchinson, Ritchie pen) 1,600
Airdrie: Martin, Cairney, Rogers, Anderson (G), March, McCluskey, Flood, Clarke, Anderson (N), Walker, McKeown.
Morton: Baines, Hayes, Docherty, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr, Busby, Cochrane, Hutchinson, Tolmie (McNab), Ritchie.

DUNDEE UNITED (1) 3 (Dodds 2, Bannon)
PARTICK (1) 2 (O'Hara 2) 4,124
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Holt, Kopel, Phillip, Stark, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds.
Partick: Rough, Welsh (Clark), Whittaker (Lapsley), Campbell, Anderson, Park, Doyle, McDonald, Watson, Higgins, O'Hara.

RANGERS (3) 4 (Bett, Russell, Redford, Johnston)
HEARTS (0) 0 7,000
Rangers: Stewart, Forsyth, Stevens, Jardine, Russell, McLean, Bett, Cooper, McAdam, Redford, Johnston.
Hearts: Brough, Denny, More, Liddell (F), Shields, Mackay (Jeffries), Hamill, Kidd, O'Brien (Gibson), Robertson, Liddell (G).



A jubilant Willie Johnston of Rangers.

ST MIRREN (1) 3 (McDougall 2, Richardson)
CELTIC (0) 1 (Provan) 14,806
St Mirren: Thomson, Young, Fulton, Copland, Beckett, McCormack, Stark, Richardson, Bone, McDougall, Abercrombie.
Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, Aitken, McDonald, Reid, Sullivan, McLeod, Burns, Provan, McGarvey, Nicholas.

Scottish First

CLYDEBANK 0
DUMBARTON 0 500
EAST STIRLING (0) 0
DUNDEE (1) 1 (Sinclair) 5,762
STIRLING (0) 0
MOTHERWELL (1) 3 (Soutar 3, McLaughlin) 500

Scottish Second

ABROATH (1) 2 (Docherty, Kidd)
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0 400
BRECHIN (1) 2 (Elvin, Leslie)
MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Georgeson) 400
CLYDE (0) 3 (Kean, Masterton, Ahern)
STRANRAER (0) 3 (Murdoch, Rodgers, Neil) 400

COWDENBEATH (1) 1 (Liddle)
QUEEN'S PARK (1) 2 (Nicholson, McFarlane) 1,965

EAST FIFE 0
MONTROSE 0 339
FORFAR (1) 4 (Leitch, Gallacher, Mitchell, Watt)
ALLOA (0) 1 (Spence) 772

QoS (1) 3 (Robertson 2, Alexander)
ALBION (0) 0 1,500

Sunday, May 3

Fourth Division

ROCHDALE (0) 0
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Denyer) 1,474

Monday, May 4

First Division

WOLVES 0
EVERTON 0 16,269
Wolves: Kearns, Palmer, Hollifield, Clarke, McAlle, Brazier, Hibbitt, Matthews, Gray, Richards, Teasdale.
Everton: McDonagh, Barton, Bailey, Ratcliffe, Lyons, Gidman, Wright, Eastoe (Latchford), Varadi, Hartford, Ross.

Second Division

WREXHAM (0) 0
WATFORD (0) 1 (Blissett) 4,569
Wrexham: Davies, Dowman, Dwyer, Jones, Cegielski, Carrodus, Fox, Buxton (Edwards), Vinter, McNeill, Hill.
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Henderson, Taylor, Sims, Bolton, Callaghan, Blissett, Armstrong, Jackett, Poskett.

Fourth Division

BURY (0) 1 (Hilton)
LINCOLN (0) 1 (Shipley) 2,968

Tuesday, May 5

First Division

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Shearer)
LIVERPOOL (2) 2 (Kennedy (R), Irwin) 19,102
Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Harkouk, Ross, Angus, McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor, Shearer, Jankovic, Armstrong.
Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Money, Irwin, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Case, Lee, Rush, McDermott, Souness.

Second Division

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 2 (Christie, McCulloch)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 12,489
Notts County: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Goodwin, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Harkouk, Christie, Hunt, Hooks.
Cambridge: Webster, Evans, Murray, Donaldson, Falon, Gibbins, O'Neill, Spriggs, Reilly, Streete, Turner.

Third Division

CHESTERFIELD (3) 3 (Moss 2, Bonnyman)
READING (1) 2 (Heale, Kearney) 3,059

NEWPORT (2) 4 (Gwyther 2, Tynan, Vaughan)
CARLISLE (0) 0 3,747

Fourth Division

DARLINGTON (0) 1 (McLean)
PORT VALE (0) 1 (Chamberlain (M)) 1,576

YORK (0) 1 (Byrne)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Bowen, Phillips) 1,167

Wednesday, May 6

U.E.F.A. CUP

(Final, first leg)

IPSWICH (1) 3 (Wark pen, Thijsen, Mariner)
AZ 67 ALKMAAR (0) 0 27,552
Ipswich: Cooper, Mills, McCall, Thijsen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.
AZ 67: Treytel, Van Den Meer, Spelbos, Metgod, Hovenkamp, Peters, Jonker, Arntz, Kist, Mygaard (Weizl), Tol.

First Division

LEEDS 0
WBA 0 17,218
Leeds: Lukic, Greenhoff, Gray, Flynn, Connor, Cherry, Harris, Hird, Parlane, Stevenson (Dickinson), Graham.
WBA: Godden, Batson, Statham, Moses, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown, Regis, Benjamin, Barnes.

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Isn't it the Board who are incompetent?

MARTIN EDWARDS gave several, rather unconvincing, reasons why he sacked Dave Sexton:

- i) Entertaining football was not being played.
- ii) Attendances dropped by an average of 6,000.
- iii) He had received hundreds of letters calling for a change of management.

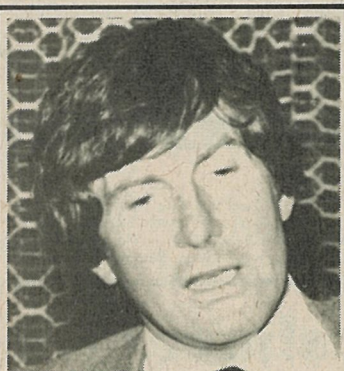
My answers to these criticisms are:

- i) Admittedly, the football was not the best, but United had to first hit a winning streak before they regained their confidence . . . and that was coming in leaps and bounds.
- ii) First, Mr Edwards presumes that the drop in attendance was due to the football — doesn't he realise there is a recession and football, in general, is being hit by it? More significant, I feel, is that United were still commanding a crowd of 45,000.
- iii) Did Mr Edwards not hear the thousands of United fans chanting their support for Dave Sexton? And if he wants to make decisions on the supporters' feelings surely he should resign — considering the reception he received after walking on the Old Trafford pitch.

Dave Sexton is being sacked for incompetence. Following this to its logical conclusion the United board should also leave . . . if they give somebody a THREE-YEAR contract, and terminate it after one year they are just as guilty of incompetence.

I swore not to go to Old Trafford until the directors left. That was a hastily taken decision, but I can tell you that here is one fan not renewing his season ticket.

GARY KENNEDY,
Winsford.



Chairman Martin Edwards.

Be more loyal

IF only the League chairmen and their boards could be more loyal and give the manager a chance.

Look at West Ham and Aston Villa for example. A few years ago they were in all sorts of trouble but their respective boards have stood loyal and look at the teams today, thriving on success.

STEVEN GRAFTON,
High Wycombe.

Stay managerless

I AM absolutely disgusted at the way the club has sacked Dave Sexton and Tommy Cavanagh.

True, supporters wrote letters to the directors as United had what turned out to be an average season.

SEXTON SACKING

what the fans say



THE sacking of Dave Sexton by Manchester United has been shown the red card by SHOOT readers. Our postbag has been full of letters condemning Martin Edwards and his fellow directors for their decision. Not one reader has condoned the dismissal. Here, we print a selection of views. The Manchester United job has become the hottest of hot seats in recent years. The board has been incapable of finding a successor to Sir Matt Busby. Will McGuinness, Frank O'Farrell, Tommy Docherty and Dave Sexton were hired . . . and fired. After the extrovert Doc, United went for a quiet man — then accused him of not communicating with the fans. Surely United should not have been surprised at the way either Docherty or Sexton did their job? Once again the board will appoint a man whose personality is well-known. And, as before, if he fails he will be dismissed . . . but the men who made the appointment will still be in power. Dave Sexton, newly appointed manager of Coventry, stands for all that's dignified in soccer, but the way he was sacked by United highlighted just one of the reasons why football still has too many problems.

I believe these fans wanted Sexton out as United haven't made Europe.

As for the sacking of Tommy Cavanagh, it is very hard to take this as he has been so loyal to the club.

My choice for manager and assistant-manager for the club would be Dave Sexton and Tommy Cavanagh. If we can't have them back, United should remain managerless.

ANDREW POPLA,
Aylesbury.

Remember Ipswich

I AM writing to show my sheer disgust at the sacking of Dave Sexton. How can football in these days of a pathetic managerial roundabout afford to lose such a charming, knowledgeable and, more importantly, nice man and brilliant manager?

After a sparkling, exciting tail end season run, prospects were bright, all that was needed was stability.

The same stability that Ipswich Town promised Bobby Robson when they

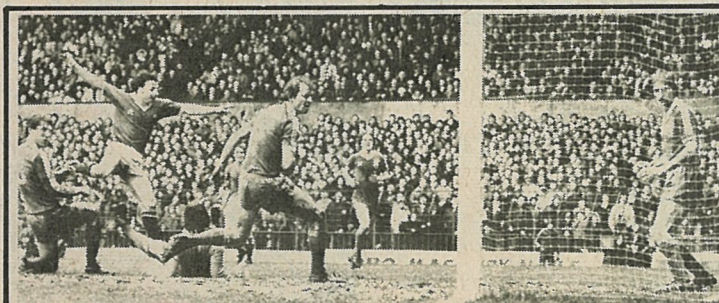
went through several sticky patches over the last ten years.

What happens? A group of rich and what can only be described as confused executives choose to wield their axe.

EDWARD MORGAN,
Preston.

Gates still good

IN the nine years as a follower of



Mickey Thomas scores for United v Ipswich.

Manchester United, I have never been so appalled and upset.

Martin Edwards and the board accused Sexton of "promoting negative football," falling gates and saying they felt "Sexton couldn't win."

Is it Sexton's fault that teams come to Old Trafford for a point? It's the opposition that are the negative side, not Manchester United.

Falling gates: still over one million passed the turnstiles and in times of the recession that is good.

MICHAEL NORTH,
Cowley.

Double — or the sack

I WAS very disappointed when United sacked manager Dave Sexton.

Not until the last two months of the season was Dave able to pick a team from a fully fit squad and after that United did not lose.

But, obviously, the directors — in particular Martin Edwards — did not appreciate this. They expected United to win every week.

I hope that the next manager helps United to a League and Cup double next season because anything less will probably mean that he'll get the sack just like Dave Sexton.

RICHARD STEVENSON,
Bawtry.

'Sacked' a while ago

DON HOWE summed it up by saying that football was really in trouble when knowledgeable AND successful managers like Dave Sexton are sacked.

The timing of the sacking was also incredible.

Obviously, Martin Edwards and the directors had made their minds up a long time before the season ended — because seven successive wins were ignored.

I think that Sexton was blamed for the unlucky Garry Birtles' failure to score in the League and partly for his failure to match Manchester City's Cup successes.

CHARLES GEIGER,
London.

Unreasonable demands

THE sacking of Dave Sexton has been a disgrace.

Everyone accepts he is highly-paid and expected to produce results, but surely the United board have been totally unreasonable in their demands.

Dave Sexton had made gradual changes to Tommy Docherty's winning side, most of the newcomers like Mickey Thomas and Ray Wilkins proving worthwhile buys.

If this cheap discarding of managers continues, the game in England will become an absolute lottery with total success the only aim for any club.

M. P. BIDWELL,
Bristol.

I HAVE happy World Cup memories of Switzerland. In fact, I skipped England to a World Cup victory there during the 70's.

It was the Little World Cup and the England youths put on a tremendous display to win the competition. A few of the current squad were in that side, including England's latest young star Bryan Robson, plus Glenn Hoddle and Peter Barnes. We beat the Swiss 4-0 before defeating Finland 1-0 in the final in Berne.

The circumstances are slightly different this time, of course. But it is a confidence-booster for those who were involved in the other tournament to return to the scene of the triumph.

Despite what some people may think, I'm sure England will be in Spain next summer. Hopefully, Ron Greenwood will have a full squad to choose from on the mini-tour, a luxury he hasn't had for quite a few matches.

We struggled to beat the Swiss with a side depleted by injuries last year. In fact, the Swiss even scored an own-goal to help us. They will surely be a different proposition on their own ground though.

It's sometimes hard to judge

teams who come to Wembley, because invariably they pack their defence and play for a draw. Next week in front of their own fans they will have to be more adventurous.

Eddie Bailey, one of the England back-room team, went to see the Swiss play Hungary recently and he has said Switzerland looked a better side than when we played them. They've had a change of management, which is usually a boost as everyone is trying to impress, and a few new faces have come into the squad.

It'll be harder in Hungary. It always is behind the Iron Curtain, although this usually evens itself out as the Eastern Europeans are notoriously poor travellers.

Hungary, I believe, have a tremendous home record and tradition. I can't remember the great Magyars of the 50's because I wasn't born when they were at their peak.

The Hungarians have seemed to me to be the least Eastern of the Eastern bloc sides, with more flair than their neighbours.

The crowd in Budapest will be hostile and patriotic, but we have enough experience in our team to overcome this. I'm sure the Liverpool lads take such crowds in their stride now!

Ray Wilkins
WRITES
FOR YOU



'WE'VE ALREADY WON THE WORLD CUP, IN SWITZERLAND'



"Newcomers like Bryan Robson were outstanding against the Brazilians recently."

I've not seen much of Hungary since the 1978 World Cup, except for a few snatches on television. In Argentina they showed they had the skill, but their temperament let them down. At home they won't have such problems.

We beat them 4-1 just before the Finals, although the World Cup was on their mind and little can be judged from that match.

Dangerous

I hope we use a winger in both matches. Steve Coppell and Peter Barnes have shown how dangerous they can be when stretching a defence. The emergence of Peter Withe means that Paul Mariner is no longer our only true centre-forward, giving Ron more options.

Our last outing against foreign opposition was an education, even in defeat. Brazil proved me wrong. They were a much better team than the one I'd seen on video during the Copa de Oro in Uruguay.

Our own performance was encouraging and, as the manager said, some of the new players did enough to ensure they stayed in the squad.

We simply mustn't be beaten in Switzerland or Hungary. It wouldn't

necessarily mean the end of our World Cup hopes... but the situation would obviously be better if we avoid defeat.

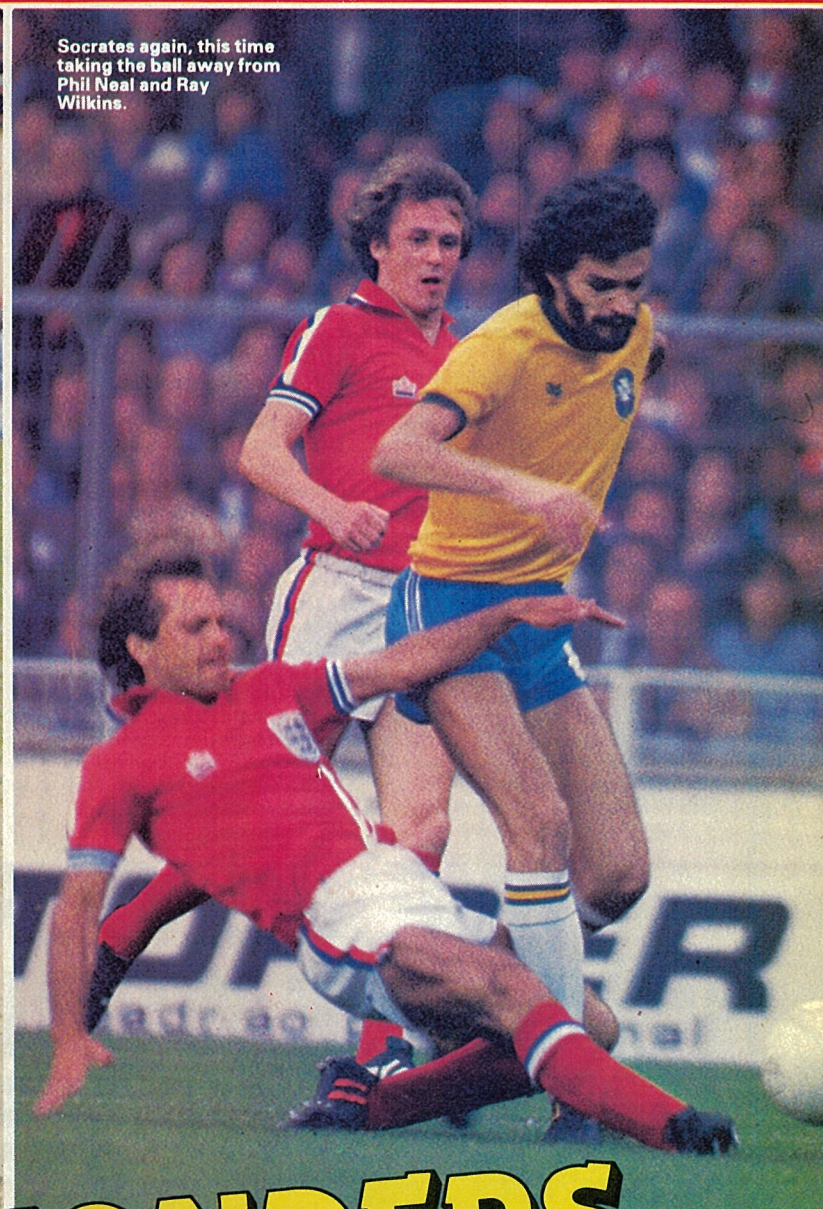
It's how we play that's really important. Even after a long domestic season, all the boys are as keen as ever to play and after some disappointing World Cup performances this season it's about time we gave the England fans something to cheer about.

Join me again in a fortnight.

Ray Wilkins



England's new captain Ray Clemence meets his Brazilian counterpart Socrates.



Socrates again, this time taking the ball away from Phil Neal and Ray Wilkins.

GOLDEN WONDERS

DESPITE one of their most encouraging performances in recent months, a makeshift England side were still no match for the breathtakingly skilful Brazilians at Wembley.



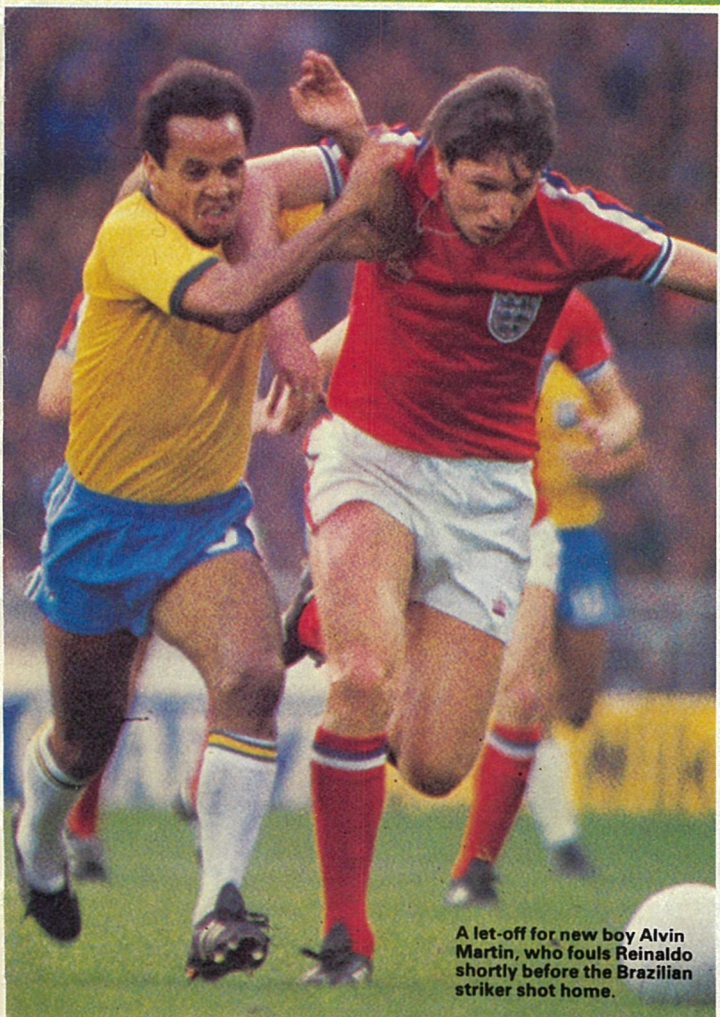
The only goal of the night. Despite the acrobatics of Clemence and the last ditch attempts of Kenny Sansom, Zico still manages a decisive shot.



Peter Barnes comes under the close attention of Junior.



Kenny Sansom and Paulo Isidoro move in on an awkward bounce.



A let-off for new boy Alvin Martin, who fouls Reinaldo shortly before the Brazilian striker shot home.



With virtually the last kick of the game, the grounded Peter Withe beats Brazilian 'keeper Waldir only to see his shot rebound off the post.

SHOOT!

Triumphant Walsh

MICKEY WALSH is coming to the end of what has been a good first season in Portugal with FC Porto.

He's been scoring regularly and making goals for others. Against Académico, the Eire striker netted four times, missed a penalty and had another effort disallowed.

Walsh is third in the goal-chart, two behind the leader Jacques of Braga, but Mickey has missed a few games through injury and arrived after the Portuguese season had started.

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HAMBURGER SV and West Germany striker Horst Hrubesch has been suspended for two months, thus becoming the fifth television-victim in the Bundesliga. The referee didn't spot him striking an opponent during the game against Schalke 04. Television showed the incident, though, and the F.A. handed Hrubesch an eight-week ban.

ALL is not well at Cologne. The club have just bought Duisburg defender Steiner, which hasn't gone down too well with the Cologne players.

Two years ago Steiner's tackle on Cologne favourite Heinz Flohe ended Flohe's career.

Skipper Toni Schumacher asked: "Why didn't the directors consult the players before going ahead with the deal?"

STEFAN BOBEK, one of the greats among Yugoslav players of the 50's, flew to Houston in the U.S.A. for a delicate heart operation and has made a complete recovery. His club, Partizan, the Belgrade army team of which he is manager, paid all the expenses for his trip.

On the final run-in to the title in Bulgaria three of the top four places are occupied by Sofia clubs, **CSKA**, **Spartak** and **Levski**, with the Army team **CSKA** the favourites. Sofia players also occupy six of the top seven places amongst the leading scorers, but top dog here is **Slobodan Slavkov** of **Trakia Plovdiv**, an international with 17 goals.

JAIL FOR WORLD CUP STARS?



● River Plate (back row): Lonardi, Iervassi, Comelles, Pavoni, H. Lopez, Fillol. Front row: Houseman, Kempes, Diaz, O. Labruna, Ortiz.

LITTLE is going right for Argentina's River Plate. The country's Champions, with an overdraft of £4 million, paid Valencia £1,600,000 for Mario Kempes, who's only 70 per cent fit. They were then eliminated from the Copa Libertadores, South America's equivalent of the European Cup.

Now, the entire River team faces a jail sentence. When they played Colon in Santa Fe last year, after-match incidents resulted in a car being damaged.

The owner of the vehicle has brought a court order against the entire side for causing a street disturbance. The players have been ordered to appear before a Santa Fe judge on several occasions, but haven't done so.

They've been given one more chance — or else.

THE Brazilian F.A. have entered into the sweepstake business in a big way. A monthly draw over the period of 12 months and based on the Federal Lottery will see prizes each month of:

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Tickets cost £15 each, but can be paid for over a five-month period.

As soon as the first instalment is paid the buyer qualifies for the draw taking place that month.

The money from the sweepstake will be used for the purchase and laying out of football pitches and changing rooms for public use in the larger cities all over Brazil, where space and public football pitches are becoming scarce.

Manager cost £130,000

UDO LATTEK is Barcelona's fifth manager in the last three seasons!

The Spanish club have signed the West German manager in a bid to get Bernd Schuster to show his top form in the blue and maroon strip, and they've had to pay his previous club Borussia Dortmund £130,000 in compensation.

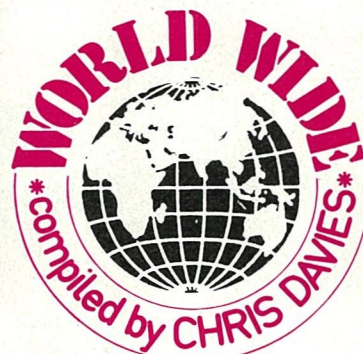
Lattek (left) will receive a signing-on fee of £70,000 a year, plus salary and bonuses; but he joins the Spanish club at a precarious time.

When Athletic Bilbao substitute Endika rifled home a sensational last-gasp winner in Barcelona's Nou Camp Stadium, it not only represented the Catalan side's first home defeat since Helenio Herrera took over as manager — it also sent shivers running up and down the spine of the club's treasurer!

For the shock defeat endangers Barcelona's place in European football next season and this would mean an estimated drop of £750,000 in gate receipts.

World Cup plans

A **TEN-MAN** jury sifted through seven proposals for the opening ceremony of the 1982 World Cup, and the Spaniards have finally decided on a scheme proposed by the Victor Sagi advertising agency. The 45-minute spectacular in Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium will involve 4,500 persons, 10,000 balloons, 5,000 doves, a million flowers... and a budget of £400,000!



Forget the game, we'll have a party

ATLETICO MADRID's failure to win the Spanish title after holding a seemingly-decisive lead for most of the season was mostly due to a sad slump in their form.

But, as usual, they preferred to blame it on referees, the F.A. and the Press rather than admit the bitter truth!

The amazing thing is that before the vital away game against Madrid arch-rivals Real, the Atlético board decided to boycott the match.

So while Atlético were meekly going down 2-0 without any support on the terraces, about 10,000 of their supporters were in Atlético's Vicente Calderón stadium... having a party!

The club had laid on supplies of sandwiches, omelettes and wine, and everything went with a swing — until the result came through from the other side of the city.

Atlético's controversial president Dr Cabeza later vowed he'd never set foot in the Real stadium for as long as he lived, even if Spain were playing the World Cup Final there.

His reasons are not altogether clear...

RARELY has a photo summed up joy and despair so clearly. It was taken during the West German Cup Final, which Eintracht Frankfurt won 3-1. Kaiserslautern goalkeeper Ronnie Helström has a few harsh words for his defence, while Neuberger and the Korean Cha Bum celebrate a goal.



News flashes

● Zico has played his 500th game for Flamengo and you could hardly ask for more consistency. His goal-tally was 498.

● There are plenty of foreigners in French football, but apparently only one Frenchman plays abroad: Marcel Boyron of Sturm Graz in Austria. Mind you, he still prefers the soccer back home. "The only good thing about Austrian football is the low tax rate."

● The top-of-the-table clash in the West German

Second Division — Hertha Berlin v. Werder Bremen — attracted 71,000 fans. Hertha lost 2-1.

● Yugoslavia has promised their players a bonus of £4,000 if they qualify for the 1982 World Cup Finals, which they should.

● Gianpaolo Boniperti is the 20-year-old son of Juventus supremo, but Boniperti junior has turned his back on Italian football to join the Toronto Blizzard in the NASL.

● In Spain, the World Cup Organising Committee has

finally signed contracts with a construction company for the modernisation and expansion of the Balaidos Stadium in Vigo. Work is a year behind schedule, and the new contracts call for the job to be finished in mid-May 1982 — just three weeks before the World Cup kick-off.

● Costis Karpets, manager of Greek club Atromitos, has refused to prepare his side for forthcoming fixtures until the directors pay up the £20,000 they owe him and the squad in back wages.



YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

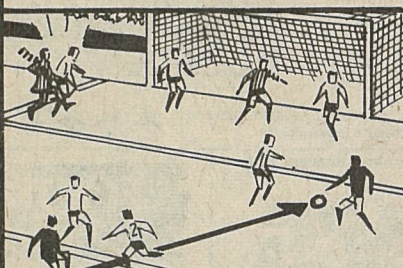


1 Can you order a player receiving treatment on the goal-line to leave the pitch?

2 A goalkeeper is fairly charged by an opponent as he comes out to catch a cross. Should you: (a) take no action, (b) award an indirect free-kick or (c) award a direct free-kick?



3 A spectator runs on to the pitch and kicks a player, but as his side are in possession you let play continue to maintain advantage. Are you correct?



4 A goal is scored, but you notice that the scorer has already been substituted. Should you: (a) award a goal, (b) drop the ball or (c) disallow the goal and restart with a free-kick?



5 An attacking player is pushed by an opponent inside the penalty-area although he has no chance of reaching the ball. Should you award a penalty?

ANSWERS

1. Yes. 2. Take no action (a). 3. No. 4. Drop the ball (b). 5. Yes. This happened during the game between WBA and Sunderland. Sunderland centre-half Sam Allardyce went up for a corner, and although he would not have reached the cross he was pushed in the back by Cyrille Regis. I immediately gave a penalty, and although Albion skipper John Wile queried my decision, he immediately agreed with me when I explained what happened.

ABERDEEN striker Mark McGhee has finally earned the acceptance of the club's demanding supporters after taking over the difficult role of chief goalscorer following Steve Archibald's transfer to Spurs last summer.

After years of frustration and constantly fluctuating fortunes, Mark McGhee has finally proved that he is one of the most dangerous forwards in Scotland.

And it was fitting that McGhee should win the Player of the Year award from his fellow professionals at the end of the season.

"I was overwhelmed by their gesture," says McGhee. "I had heard rumours, of course, that I was in with a shout along with Alan Rough, who won the Football Writers' Award, Dundee United's



Award shock for McGhee

Paul Sturrock and a couple of others.

"But the end of the season brought nothing but disappointment and I wondered if I had lost my chance.

"When I was told I had eventually got the vote I could hardly believe it. It is a great accolade getting such an award from the players you have to face week in, week out.

"Unfortunately there hasn't been much else to shout about. Aberdeen lost their Premier Division Championship and there were the defeats from Morton in the Scottish Cup and Dundee in the League Cup.

"It has been a frustrating experience, but I believe we can all be better players for it in the future."

The season started brightly and positively for McGhee, who swiftly dispelled the fear of any doubters who thought he might not make an impact as the main target man in the Aberdeen front line.

His refreshing acceptance of the tough role, replacing pin-up boy Archibald in the popularity stakes as well as the number one menace to defenders up and down the country.

It looked as though Aberdeen would hold on to their title until a colossal form lapse at the turn of the year let them down sadly.

"I know now how the Celtic players must have felt the previous year," says the honest and likeable McGhee.

"We came from behind to win it then ... they did the same last season."

Aberdeen manager Alex Ferguson has already promised to venture into the transfer market and it could be that McGhee will have a new striking partner to share the goalscoring load in the new season.

Walker McCall, Steve Cowan and Andy Harrow all played alongside McGhee last season, but a settled partnership is still being sought.

Home

After failing to make the grade with Bristol City and returning home to Scotland, McGhee almost joined Celtic.

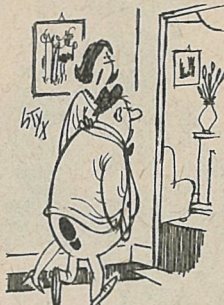
However, they let him drift away from their net and he went instead to Morton, where he exploded into the headlines and was whisked across the border once more for £170,000.

He joined Newcastle, but things didn't work out there, and he returned two years ago to Aberdeen for a cut-price £60,000.

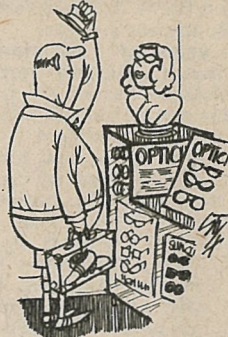
Last season, after winning a League medal, he was on the roller-coaster again as Aberdeen failed on the trophy trail yet he managed to pick up a personal award.

What does next season hold in store for this exciting goalscorer? Only time will tell, but Mark says finally: "I'm in no mood to fail."

FOOTBALL FUNNIES



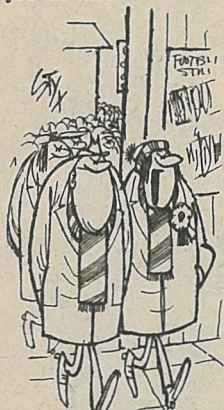
"Did you resign or did they give you the sack?"



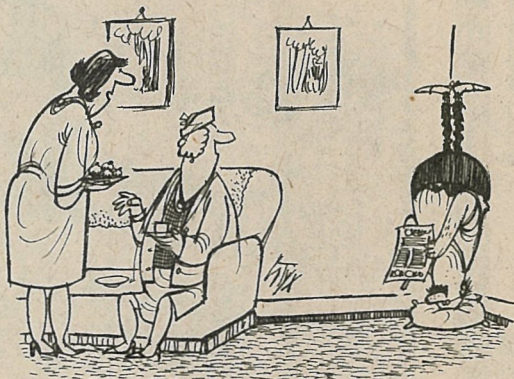
"Good morning, miss. I'd like to have my eyes tested."



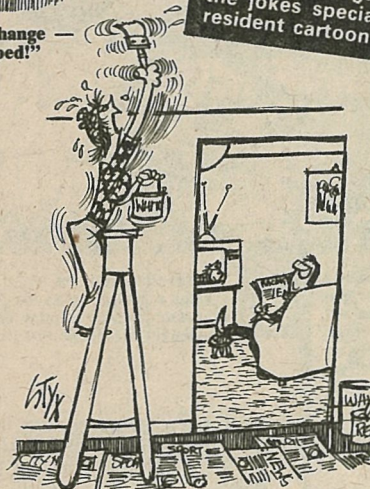
"That makes a change — you've been dropped!"



"Let's forget them and talk about something cheerful — how's your mother-in-law?"



"He's doing the Australian pools . . ."



"Strange how your hamster always plays up when there's decorating to be done."

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This week West Ham's Alvin Martin, who gained his first full England cap against Brazil, selects the jokes specially drawn by our resident cartoonist Styx.

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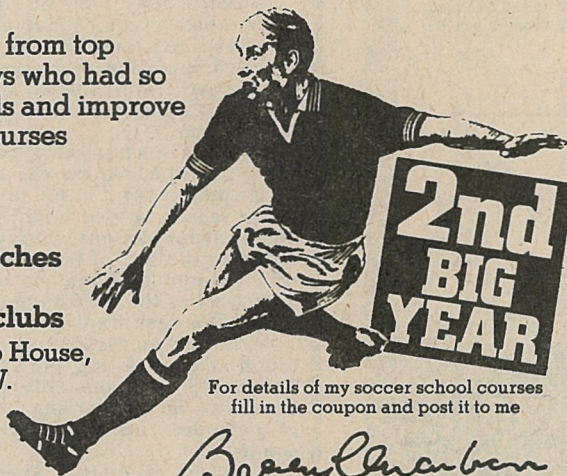
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WHO would emerge as the winner of any competition devised to determine which current player faced the most nerve-wrecking ordeal on the occasion of his debut in senior soccer?

Northern Ireland international Sammy McIlroy must be a candidate, for Manchester United couldn't very well have given him a tougher baptism.

It was a First Division derby against neighbouring City at

zenith in an F.A. Cup Sixth Round replay in March, 1975, but he starred in a 3-2 win.

Not many youngsters have been asked to face a more demanding debut than that of coloured striker Ian Benjamin with Sheffield United against Leicester City in May, 1979.

He also was a raw 17-year-old, but when United were awarded two penalties in that match they had such confidence in the lad that they told him to take them... and he scored from both!

SIZZLING STARTS...

players whose dramatic debuts made headlines

Maine Road in November, 1971 before a 63,366 crowd when Sammy was only three months past his 17th birthday.

But it was a truly story-book start, for the lad scored once and generally contributed to the excitement of a 3-3 draw.

What about the "bleeding" of two current international stars in Ipswich Town's great side, both of whom, like McIlroy, were pitch-forked into the big-time when a mere 17?

It was against Manchester United at Old Trafford on Boxing Day in 1973 that Scottish defender George Burley began, and his direct opponent was... none other than George Best! But he made such an immediate hit that he was in the side to stay.

In the case of John Wark, who struck the very peak of his form last season, he had to face the might of Leeds United at their

Talking about Sheffield United, what about the start of manager Martin Peters, still another of 17 when he first entered the top-line arena?

He did it with West Ham against Cardiff City in April, 1962, as the number six, but when United goalkeeper Lawrie Leslie was hurt soon after the kick-off and left out of the match for good Peters went into goal in the emergency... and starred in a 4-1 win!

Exceptional

Big striker Roger Davies, now in U.S. Soccer, comes into the reckoning in any survey of exceptional nerve-testing occasions on which any current youngsters first came into the game.

It was nothing less than a Cup Final — that in the Texaco Cup with Derby County against Airdrie in April, 1972. What a start by the lad! He scored, he was booked, and he collected a winner's medal!

Joe Waters, the little lad from Limerick, whose captaincy has been such an inspiration in Grimsby Town's fantastic rise,



Joe Waters (right) is congratulated by Frank Worthington after his debut goals for Leicester.

takes a prominent place in all this. Leicester City gave him his first chance in an F.A. Cup Sixth Round away tie against Q.P.R. in March, 1974. City were 2-0 winners, and Waters shot both goals.

All these cases are recalled by the fact that on March 31 this year Paul Gregory, when 19, made his debut as Chesterfield's goalkeeper in the Anglo-Scottish Cup Final against Notts County, and played a major part in his club winning a trophy for the first time in their 115-years history.

Other young stars with good cause to remember their first team debuts are Everton defender Kevin Ratcliffe and West Ham's promising young striker Bobby Barnes.

Barnes scored a spectacular effort on his first appearance against Watford at Upton Park last September, while it was against The Hammers that Ratcliffe first

played for Everton, in the 1980 F.A. Cup Semi-Final replay at Elland Road which West Ham subsequently won.

P.S.: For those who think that we have missed Chris Woods, who made the headlines with his outstanding performance in goal for Nottingham Forest against Liverpool at Wembley in the League Cup Final of 1978 — it wasn't his debut. Chris had played in Forest's League Cup build up to Wembley.

He was called into action when John Middleton was transferred to Derby to make way for Peter Shilton. Shilton had already played in the League Cup for Stoke and was subsequently Cup-tied.

17-year-old Sammy McIlroy nets on his first appearance for Manchester United — against deadly rivals City.



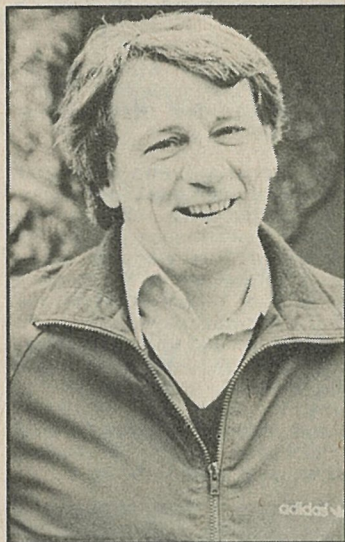
TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

PAST STARS...

1. Former England skipper Bobby Moore, now a manager in non-League football, played for two League clubs during his distinguished career. West Ham was one... can you name the other?

2. He began his League career with Sheffield United before being transferred to Leeds United. He laid on the goal for Allan Clarke which clinched the F.A. Cup for the first time in the club's history in 1972. Had to quit the game through injury. Can you identify him?

3. True or false? Bobby Robson (below) played for Scotland on 20 occasions.



4. Did Arsenal coach Don Howe ever play League football?

5. Was Stanley Matthews, Tom Finney or Billy Wright the first winner of the Football Writers' Footballer of the Year award in 1948?

...AND PRESENT

1. Did Aston Villa's Des Bremner begin his career in Scotland with Hearts, Hamilton or Hibs?

2. Brighton's Mark Lawrenson was signed in July, 1977 from which club?

3. Cec Podd starred in the Fourth Division last season for which club?

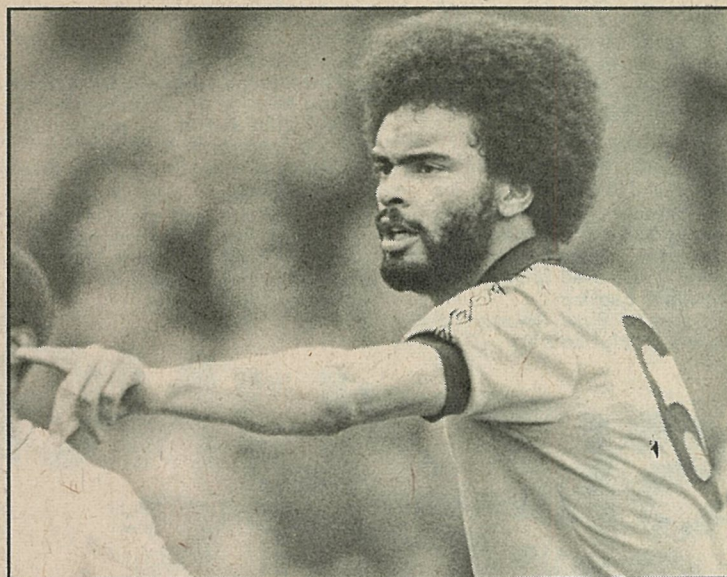
4. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of a current Scotland international squad member... VDDIARYANE (EED-DUNUNTIE).

5. Has Manchester City's Joe Corrigan played for any other League club?

INTERNATIONALS

1. Frank Worthington played six, seven or eight times for the full England side and scored one, two or three goals?

2. Former Shrewsbury, Manchester United and Coventry City defender Jim Holton is an international for which country?



3. Watford's Pat Rice is a Northern or Republic of Ireland international player?

4. Wolves' George Berry (above) qualifies for which Home country through the parentage rule?

5. Scotland have played against Iran in full internationals on one, two or three occasions?

GOALKEEPERS

1. With which club did West Ham's number one Phil Parkes begin his League career?

2. Peter Mellor kept goal regularly for which Third Division club last season?

3. Who played in goal when Nottingham Forest won the Football League Cup in 1978 because regular keeper Peter Shilton was ineligible?

4. Following his transfer from Fulham in January, 1981, which goalkeeper played consistently well and helped his club Brighton beat relegation?

5. Was Gary Bailey or Alex Stepney in goal for Manchester United in the 1979 F.A. Cup Final which they lost 3-2 to Arsenal?

ANSWERS

PAST STARS 1. Fulham 2. Mick Jones 3. False — he played for England 4. Yes 5. Matthews.
PRESENT 1. Hibs 2. Preston 3. Bradford City 4. David Narey (Dundee United) 5. No.
INTERNATIONALS 1. Eight games, two goals 2. Scotland 3. Northern Ireland 4. Wales 5. One.
GOALKEEPERS 1. Walsall 2. Portsmouth 3. Chris Woods 4. Perry Digweed 5. Bailey

ON THE BALL ANSWERS

ACROSS:- (1) Paw. (3) Lampard. (5) Stan Cummins. (7) Foul. (8) Free. (9) Iran. (13) Tie. (14) Lion. (15) Stud. (18) Southampton. (19) Sparrow. (20) Ewe.

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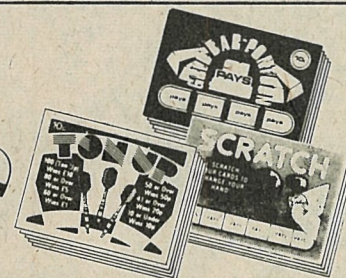


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THERE are few better qualified to judge the qualities of Ipswich and Liverpool than England striker David Johnson. The man who made his name with Everton and Ipswich has continued his career with Liverpool and enjoyed the best form of his career during his five seasons at Anfield.

But Johnson also has a deep knowledge of Ipswich Town. And he is convinced Bobby Robson's team can build on their season of triumph and go on to more honours next season.

Can any side ever rival Liverpool and match their unique achievements? Johnson says: "In many ways, Ipswich are already another Liverpool. They certainly have all the ingredients, on and off the field.

"Even Liverpool didn't become successful overnight, and Ipswich supporters should remember that. But Town have been there or



Alan Brazil scores for Ipswich against Liverpool at Portman Road.

thereabouts for a long time, even in the time I was with them.

"You have got to learn to walk before you can run, and that lesson has been learned at Portman Road. They've been in contention for the top honours for some time and now they look as though they're about to start landing the trophies.

"Liverpool didn't win honours for a few seasons, not consistently anyway. It's only in the last five or six years Liverpool have won so many trophies, and won them so consistently.

"But if Ipswich maintain their steady growth, I can't see any reason why they, too, shouldn't start winning Cups and trophies on a regular basis.

"They've done the hard part, the preparation. They are ready, as a club, to challenge the best. Now it's up to them to keep working hard to bring the trophies home."

It's the behind the scenes organisation and professional approach at Portman Road, which impresses Johnson.

"Ipswich have the sort of quality players and club set-up to really do something in the next few years. But they must realise they will have to contend with Liverpool if they want to dominate English football as this club has for so long.

"I am sure Liverpool will not allow any club to enjoy the sort of success they have had for the last few years. So bearing that in mind, I'm not sure whether any club will ever dominate as Liverpool has done."

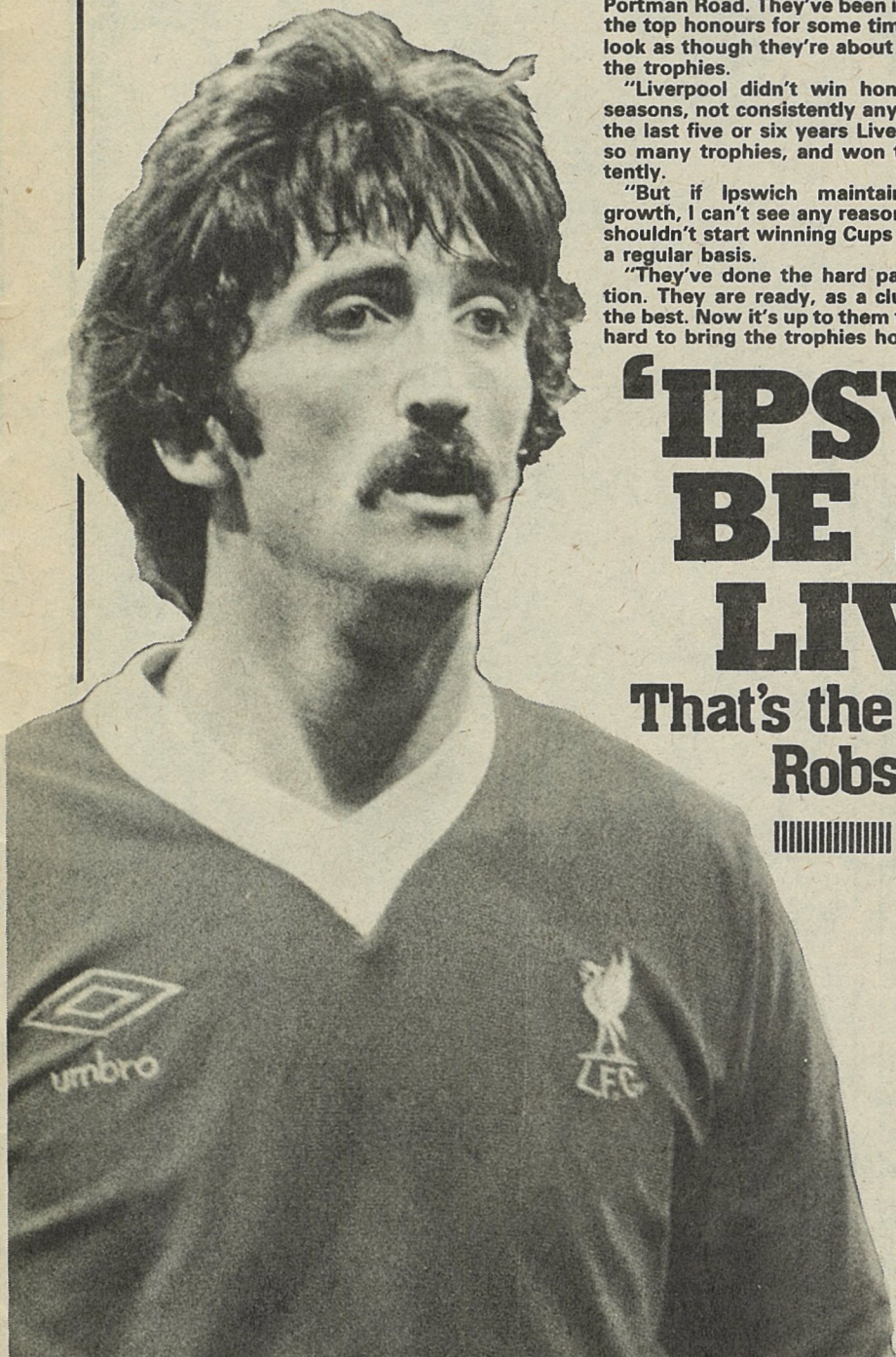
Good management is half of the battle, says Johnson. "Liverpool managers have proved they know the right time to buy the right players. They can judge who to play for which particular games, and when to send on a substitute in a special situation.

"All that is good management, which takes

'IPSWICH CAN BE ANOTHER LIVERPOOL'

That's the forecast, not from Bobby Robson, but Anfield striker

DAVID JOHNSON



time to learn. But I don't think Bobby Robson would be found wanting in that respect."

The difference between Ipswich, 1981 vintage and the side Johnson played for more than five years ago, is all about overall strength. He explains: "In the four years I was there, we always had 11 players as good as any in the country.

"On our day we could beat anyone with that team. But once we got a few injuries, we didn't have the strength in depth. But they have now attained that essential ingredient.

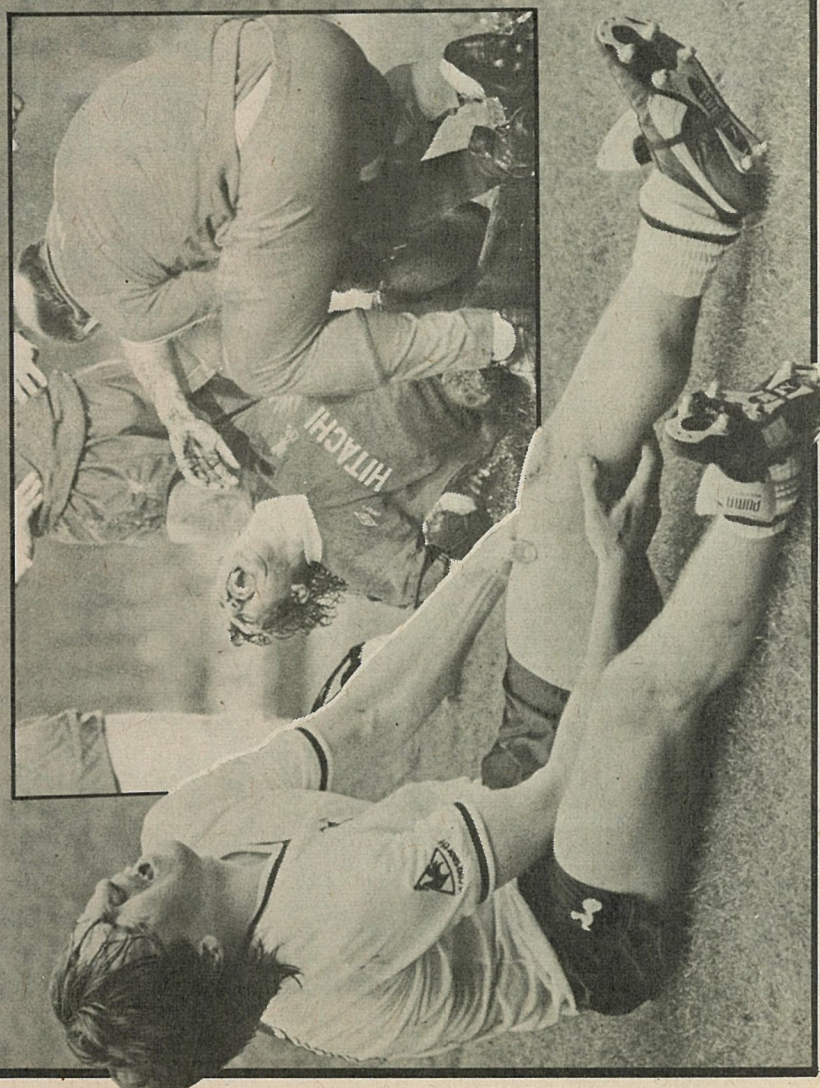
"The young lads who have come in and done well — like Steve McCall, Kevin Steggle, Kevin O'Callaghan and Tommy Parkin — will mean their squad is much stronger now than when they started this season.

"When they need to call on those younger players next season, they will be bringing in lads who know what first team football is all about. That's very important and one of the reasons for Liverpool's success over the years."

AGONY

LEFT . . . Brighton 'keeper Perry Digweed is in the wars against Crystal Palace, but it's all part of the job when you're fighting against relegation. **BELOW, LEFT . . .** Cup Final blues for Spurs' Tony Galvin as cramp sets in in his left leg during the extra-time marathon with Man. City. Liverpool's Alan Kennedy screams with pain as Ronnie Moran treats him. **BELOW . . .** There surely can't be an unluckier player than Ipswich's Kevin Beattie. After more surgery on what Beattie calls "the most operated-on knee in sport," he was back to something like his best form. Then in the 88th minute of the F.A. Cup Semi-Final against Man. City tragedy struck again and Beattie broke an arm.

With the 1980-81 League season over, a lot of players are looking forward to the summer break to recover from the knocks and injuries they received during another hard campaign. Here, **SHOOT** takes a look at some painful moments for the stars of the First Division. The agony on their faces shows that it's not all glory.



A Willie Young goal guarantees an extra-loud roar from the Highbury terraces, but the big Scottish defender's first-half strike against ultimate Champions Aston Villa on May 2 nearly brought the house down.

The Young golden shot, which left former Arsenal goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer groping, not only set up a victory of considerable prestige, but steered The Gunners back on to the road to Europe.

"Success and failure must

as my shot went in. Villa were anxious for both points, but we had just as much at stake, and while they are worthy Champions, we were the better team on the day."

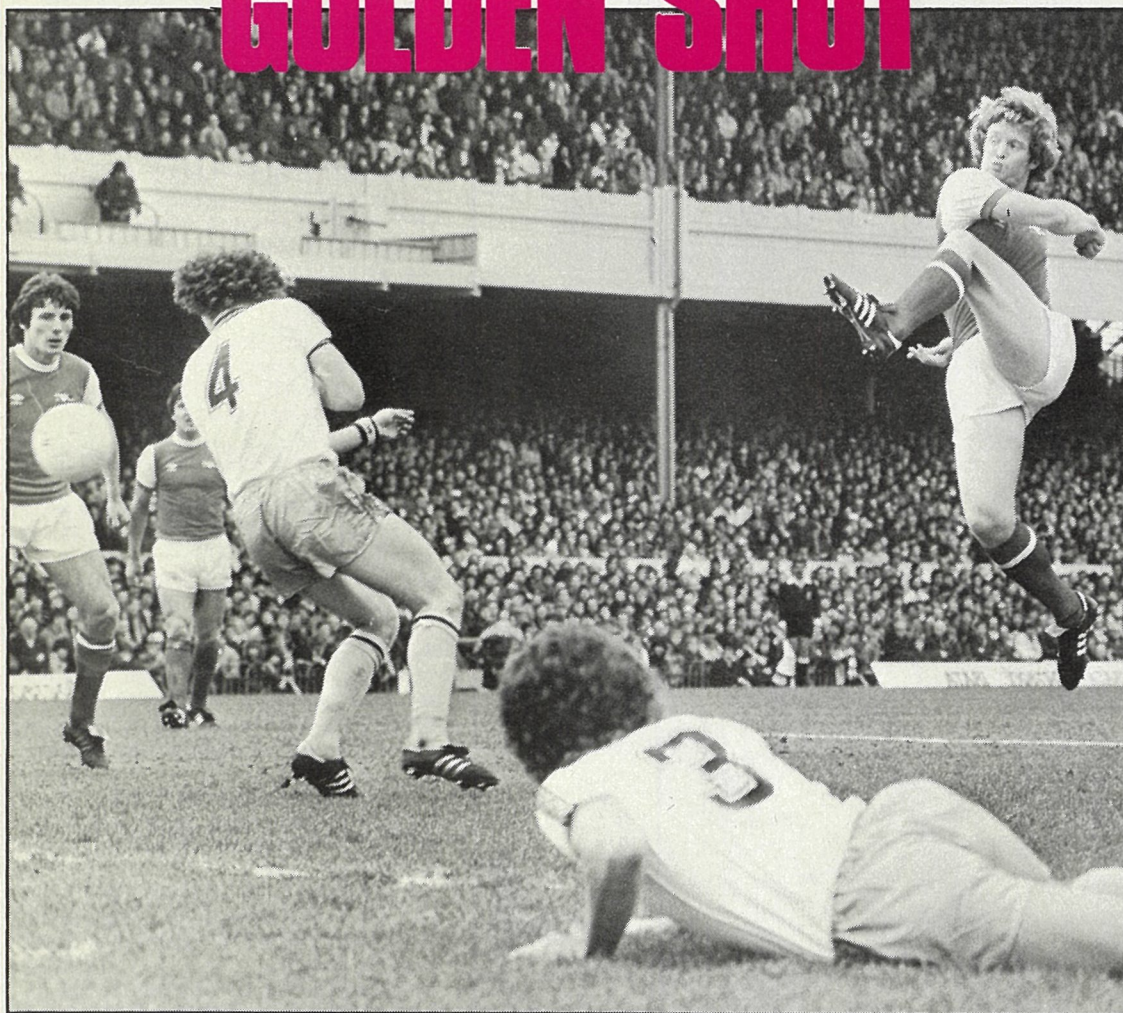
Arsenal's enviable Cup record has kept them in the headlines and ensured rewarding pay-days for the players. Qualification for the

Facing foreign players who often present you with the challenge of the unexpected, personal tricks, technique, tactical ploys . . . it all adds up to variety and spice.

"Naturally, we want to launch a massive bid for the First Division title next season. That is always the priority. And I must say that, if anything, the standard has dropped a little. No disrespect to Villa, nor to Ipswich.

"No one side is going to walk away with the Championship again for some time. It has become a more even, competitive scrap and we are confident that we can collect those extra points.

WILLIE'S GOLDEN SHOT



always be judged by comparison," said Young, "and teams are always judged by their own standards. Like Liverpool, we have set ourselves a very high standard over the past three years.

"We played in four major Finals in that time, three F.A. Cup Finals in a row and the Cup-Winners' Cup. But because we did not reach a Final this season some people mumble about a 'disappointing' year.

"That is why that goal meant so much to me. Our side has changed over the past 12 months. Players have left, new faces have arrived and are settling in. Yet we have finished higher in the First Division table than we did in any of those great Cup seasons.

"I knew we were going to get the points we needed to make sure of a place in the UEFA Cup as soon

UEFA Cup means those wage-packets will continue to be above wafer-width.

But while accepting the logical importance of money to a professional player, Young was quick to point out some equally important reasons why the Arsenal squad is itching to get back into European competition.

"Playing in Europe means you are going for an extra trophy. If you make an ordinary start in the League and flop in the League Cup, you are still chasing a major honour before Christmas and before the F.A. Cup even begins.

"Also, I believe that the majority of pros prefer playing two games a week rather than doing extra training.

"European games generate a special atmosphere. Players sense it from the fans straight away.

Willie Young hits the goal that sent Arsenal into Europe and momentarily rocked Villa's Championship aspirations.

"It all comes back to standards. Nowadays, if Liverpool, Arsenal or Ipswich do not actually win a trophy, some critics predict such nonsense as 'end of an era' and 'on the decline'. Yet if the majority of the First Division clubs ended their season in the top four with a place in Europe, champagne corks would pop.

"That is why it is better to set such standards and aim to maintain them.

"Next season young lads like Kenny Sansom, Brian McDermott, Peter Nicholas and Paul Davis will make their impact in Europe as we bid to reach the third European trophy Final in Arsenal's history."

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ROBBIE JAMES

Swansea

FULL NAME: Robert Mark James
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BIRTHDATE: March 23, 1957
HEIGHT: 5ft 11ins
WEIGHT: 12st 4lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: Yes
CHILDREN: One daughter, Samantha
CAR: Subaru 1600 GFT
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Star
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Terry McDermott
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Gary Richards
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: George Best
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Squash
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Billy Bonds
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: International debut in 1978 v. Malta, we won 7-0.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing two and a half months of last season through injury
FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK: Spaghetti Bolognese, dark and mild
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Cambridge
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Sensible people/Injuries
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: San Antonio, Ibiza
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR: Benny Hill
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Swimming
FAVOURITE SINGER: Demis Roussos
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Relax and have a few drinks with friends
BEST FRIEND: Gerald Collier
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father for helping out when I feel down
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Welsh Youth, Under 21 and full caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To play well in the First Division with Swansea City
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Anything
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Clint Eastwood

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